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Nanking, October 27

Suggestions for peace with the Communists and resignation of President Chiang Kai-shek as drastic means of saving the Chinese Nationalists from total collapse are now gradually hardening into agitation, well-informed circles told the United Press today.

Work On Hotel Rates Delayed

The work of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee is being delayed by the non-return of statements of accounts by a number of hotels, it was officially stated yesterday.

The Public Relations Officer added that the Committee held its ninth meeting during the week.

At the meeting they received representatives of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hotels and Boarding Houses Association and representatives of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Hotels Residents Association.

Korea Revolt Reported Crushed

Seoul, October 27.

The abortive, Communist-led rebellion was crushed today, a week to the day after it started, as Loyalist troops recaptured Yosu, last stronghold of the insurgents.

The victory may have been costly to the infant Republic of Korea. Air observers reported one-fourth of the Southern port city of 70,000 had been destroyed by fire.

Word that signalled the end of all major resistance came in this dramatic message from a Korean Navy cutter in Yosu Bay: "Yosu is ours."

A Government air observer flew over Yosu an hour and a half after the cutter message was received. The observer saw many South Korean flags flying over the city in which an American military aircraft had been shot down last Wednesday. The plane also saw a loyal flag flying from a ship tied up at Yosu.

—Associated Press.

Colonial Powers Under Fire

Paris, October 26.

The Philippines sided with Russia today in an attack against colonial powers during a discussion in the United Nations Trusteeship Committee.

General Carlos P. Romulo warned that many speeches against the colonial powers were pure propaganda and he specifically cited words by the Ukrainian A. I. Galagan.

But he criticised the United Kingdom, Belgium and Australia for deciding on the administrative unification of some of their trust territories with neighbouring colonies.

General Romulo said his country had been under United States administration for 40 years, and while Washington had no commitments under any international charter, it devoted to education in the islands one-third of the Philippines budget.

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BRITISH MINERS SET NEW RECORD

London, October 27.

British miners broke all production records for the year by mining 4,044,200 tons of deep-mined coal last week.

This is their best effort since the week before Christmas last year. The total output included 240,400 tons of open-cast.

Nevertheless, the deep-mining output is still 250,000 tons below the weekly average required to hit the target of 211,000,000 tons for 1948.—Reuters.

ISRAEL REJECTS UN ORDER

Paris, October 27.

Israel rejected today the United Nations order to withdraw its forces from newly won control points on the Negev front, in Southern Palestine.

Israel declared the Security Council's cease-fire order of October 19 does not imply an absolute injunction that Jewish forces be pulled back to positions they held on October 14.—AP.

Shanghai Lament:

Give Us Back The Bad Old Days

Nanking, October 27.

Shanghai's Mayor K. C. Wu, and Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo were among the large number of officials who attended the Executive Yuan conference today to decide on the important problem of whether or not to abandon ceiling prices for vital commodities in order to restore some semblance of economic order in the nation's principal cities.

The Premier, Mr. Wang Wen-huo, fresh from consultations in Peiping with President Chiang Kai-shek and a group of economists, presided.

Although the deliberations and decisions of the meeting have not yet been officially revealed, it is believed that the Government ministers reviewed the chaotic situation now prevailing in many cities, where the people are still engaged in a buying spree and where virtually no food stuffs and commodities are available at ceiling prices and where supplies from producing areas are almost completely dried up.

The conference is also believed to have touched on the question of salaries and wages, which are still frozen at the August 10 level though there is a growing clamor in labour circles for an upward revision.

Inflation Was Better

In an editorial reflecting the opinion of almost every Shanghai resident, the British-owned North China Daily News said that Shanghai today was infinitely worse off than it had ever been during the process of inflating the old currency.

Shanghai is one vast black market, where everyone is busy seeking to obtain some sort of

protection against the effect of frozen salaries and undisputedly if illegally soaring prices, the paper said.

After asserting that there are already rumblings of labour troubles, the paper added:

"The situation is one of grave anxiety. There is nothing to be gained by endeavouring to suggest otherwise and already there are many people sighing for the bad old days of the CMC (Chinese national currency predecessor of the gold yuan) which with all its inconvenience gave better results than the gold yuan is doing after a two-month trial."—Reuters.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Prince Weds In London



The crowns are held over the heads of Prince Michael and his bride, Miss Juliette Hauwaut, in the Russian Orthodox Church in London. The Prince is the 23-year-old son of Countess Kleins-Michael, now Mrs. A. Wolough Orthodox Church in London. He was an officer in the Coldstream Guards during the war.—(AP Photo).

Resignation Asked

The informant said regardless of whether the war against the Communists would be continued or peace talks be initiated, it is the general demand of the Progressives that the Generalissimo should resign.

He said Chiang was insisting on maintenance of the favoured ruling minority in the party and Government, blocking the rallying of national support and implementation of political reforms against the spreading of Communism.

Disagreeing with the Progressives, Rightwing elements, who are still a major power in the government, pin their hope on all-out American military and economic assistance.

They, however, fear it is at present a remote possibility and that when Mr. Thomas E. Dewey is elected it may be too late.—United Press.

LONDON SHIVERS IN ICY FOG

London shivered today in an icy fog which delayed road, rail and air traffic and brought Thames shipping to a standstill. In some parts of Greater London, visibility was down to 20 yards.

Following the coldest night since last March, Britons experienced the first big electricity cuts of the winter, which amounted to 10 per cent in London and most of the country.—Reuters.

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C & W To Take Over Government's Tele-Communications

Cable and Wireless are to take over the entire Tele-communication Branch of the Hong Kong Government on November 1, the "China Mail" learned from authoritative sources yesterday.

The Tele-communications Branch includes radio-communications stations of all Government departments, including the Marine Department, the Hong Kong Police Force, the Water Police, Radio Hong Kong, and radio-telephone services between Hong Kong and places abroad.

This means that the control, as far as tele-communications are concerned, vested in the Postmaster-General will be passed to the Manager of Cable and Wireless.

It was also learned that a Survey Board is being formed to assess the value of Government tele-communications equipment, as some of the equipment is considered obsolete.

One result of the taking over by Cable and Wireless will be the transfer of the tele-communications nerve centre from The Peak to Mount Butler.

Another result will be the replacing of existing Government equipment with the latest tele-communications inventions and devices.

The "China Mail" understands certain Government personnel employed in the Tele-communications Branch will be accorded to Cable and Wireless.

WHEAT FOR CHINA

Washington, October 21.

The Department of Agriculture announced today an export allocation of 50,000 long tons of wheat and 12,000 long tons of wheat equivalent of flour to China for October shipment.—United Press.

TORTURES RELATED AT BRIDGE HOUSE TRIAL

How the Japanese tortured their prisoners in order to extract confessions from them, was recalled at the War Crimes trial at Lyemun Barracks yesterday when Lieutenant General Kinoshita Eiichi and Sergeant Yoshida Bunzo faced charges of atrocities committed at the infamous Bridge House prison in Shanghai in 1942.

General Kinoshita was officer commanding the Shanghai Kempei-Tai from August 6, 1942, to November 29, 1944. Yoshida was a corporal in the foreign section of the western branch of the Shanghai Kempei-Tai.

The Court composed of Lieutenant Colonel L. A. Massie, M.A., LL.B., Royal Scots Fusiliers, solicitor (President) and Major J. B. Craig, The Buffs, and Captain H. M. McLeod-Martin, Middlesex Regiment (members).

Conducting the prosecution was Major D. Clague, R.A. Officer of the Deputy Director of Legal Services, GHQ FARELF.

Mr. Kakehi Masao, LL.B., barrister at law, Tokyo, was defence counsel, assisted by Captain W.R.L. Herries as advisory officer.

Before the trial commenced the President told Yoshida, the second accused, that his request for another Japanese counsel to defend him had been refused by the Convening Officer, who said no other counsel was available.

Already two counsels had been offered to him, and he had refused both of them, so that he would have to conduct his own defence with such assistance as the British and the defence advisory officer could give him.

As regards the witnesses which Yoshida wished to be called from Japan, efforts would be made to bring them here, but in the meantime the trial would go on.

Major Clague, the prosecuting officer, then told the Court the nature of the charges against the accused.

Overall Supervision

The prosecutor said that on or about August 6, 1942, General Kinoshita was posted to Shanghai with the rank of Major-General. He was posted as Chief of the Shanghai Kempei-Tai. He held this position until November 29, 1944. His duties included the overall supervision and control of Kempei-Tai personnel in Shanghai as well as control of places of detention.

As the chief of the Shanghai Kempei-Tai, added the prosecutor, he was responsible for the activities of the Units and personnel under his command.

Sworn statement Kinoshita has made that he made inspections of all his Units regularly; he gave lectures to his subordinates regularly, and attended regular conferences of the Officers Commanding the various Branches and sub-Sections. Kinoshita stated that he also made surprise inspections of all branches, cells, and visited interrogations of persons detained for questioning.

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General Strike Threatened

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French Communists threatened today to organize a general all-down strike in Northern France in support of the nation's striking coal miners.

Leaders of the Communist-led General Labour Federation (CGT) decided last night to issue the threat. They met at Lille, key mining centre, which Government strike fighting troops and police have not yet entered.

CGT leaders said they would pull the all-down strike if the Government increased its repressive measures.—Associated Press.

later promoted to Sergeant, said the prosecutor.

In October 1942, the Shanghai Kempei-Tai began to make systematic arrests of civilian residents, selecting many of them from among members of the British community. The majority were, before the war, official or business positions of importance.

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Committed For Arms Possession

Chau Lun, alias Chau Chun-choi and Kong Ngau were committed for trial for possession of arms and ammunition at the November Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. G. Morrison, the prosecuting officer, stated that acting upon information received, the police arrested Chau Lun on the night of September 20 at Temple Street, near Public Square Street on the suspicion of possession of arms. Nothing, however, was found on him when searched. He also denied all knowledge of possession.

When questioned further, after he was brought to the Yau-ni Police Station, he said that the gun was in Hong Kong and that a man by the name of Chau Yung-ming had given it to him.

Just before midnight that same night, Chau took DSI Morrison and a detective to the godown and showed them a hole in the floor. Nothing was concealed. Attempts to find Kong Ngau were also unsuccessful.

Early next morning, Kong Ngau was seen to enter one of the godowns. He was stopped by a detective at three on gun and searched. He had nothing on him.

The detective, Tsui Tik-wing, submitted him to an hour's interrogation, after which he admitted possession of the gun.

DSI Morrison was at once informed by telephone. He came over shortly afterwards and in his presence, Kong opened a raton basket in the coolies' living quarters of the godown. Inside was a revolver loaded with five rounds of live ammunition and wrapped in a red handkerchief. Wong said that Chau had left it there.

Sub-Inspector James MacMillan, police armorer, testified that the revolver was a .38 short Harrington Richardson model.

STANTON GETS CHINESE AWARD

Mr. W. T. Stanton, of Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited, was decorated with the Victoria Medal by the Chinese Government yesterday.

The medal was presented to Mr. Stanton by Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner (Foreign Affairs) for Kwangtung-Kwangsi, at the Commissioner's office yesterday.

The award was made to Mr. Stanton in recognition of services rendered to the Chinese War Production Board.

As a result of revaluation, the total rateable value of the island of Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories on April 1 last, was HK\$79,206,880.

This was reported in the 1947-48 report of the Commissioner of the Rating and Valuation Department.

The report said that the total value on April 1, last year, was HK\$52,080,309. This year's figure represents an increase of HK\$27,117,571 or 52.06 per cent.

The Commissioner said that the increase is due partly to the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance and to the large amount of rehabilitation and new building.

Net Revenue

During the year under review, the net revenue from rates was \$9,984,699.55, an average of \$107.7 a month for the 11 months ended on March 31, 1947. The refunds of rates in respect of vacant tenements, valuations cancelled and tenements not rateable amounted to \$108,315.62.

This sum was mainly due to the number of cancellations on account of tenements under reconstruction. Very little of it was in respect of unoccupied premises. It represents 1.07 per cent of the gross revenue in rates and compared favourably with the amount refunded during the previous 11 months which was \$206,666.61 or 2.2 per cent of the gross revenue in rates.

The extreme shortage of accommodation continued throughout the year under the review. Practically all vacancies notified were due to tenements being dilapidated, requiring a degree of reconstruction or reconstruction of premises other than dwelling accommodation.

During the year 66 new street numbers were allotted, many many owners were called upon to renew numbering which had become defective.

Stamp Duty Tax

The additional Stamp Duty Tax of 10 per cent (the enhanced value in the case of assignments on sale of landed property compared with the previous sale or with the value as at January 1, 1933, whichever should be the later rate, continued during the year.

This number of cases dealt with was 1,347 and the Stamp Duty Revenue benefited thereby to the extent of \$5,129,619.00.

During the year 35 valuations were made in cases where the Register of the Supreme Court had been offered certain property, as security in connection with the administration of estates.

The department was, therefore, during the period under review, very directly concerned with work which resulted in the following revenue, said the Commissioner:

Rates: \$9,984,699.55; Excess Stamp Duty: \$5,129,619.00; Property Tax: \$2,312,200.20; Total: \$17,426,518.75.

The Governor will open the Salvation Army's new Girls' Home at Kwai Chung, New Territories, at 5 p.m. today.

Case Against Alleged Armed Robbers Resumes

The case against Chan Shiu-ping, Tsang Shing and Wan Kau, who were alleged to have raided the Cheung Muk-tau Village, New Territories, on July 15, masked and armed with revolvers, was resumed before Mr. Justice Gould (Puisne Judge) yesterday.

Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Detective-Inspector J. P. Waldron, prosecuted. Third accused was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernadine, instructed by Mr. M. A. du Silva. First and second accused were not legally represented and conducted their own defence.

After hearing evidence of various Crown witnesses including a fisherman, So Fat, Mr. Bernadine, in third accused's defence submitted that there was no clear evidence whatsoever against accused, proving that he actually took part in the robbery. All the robbers were masked, and could not be identified by the villagers and complainant. As far as So Fat's evidence regarding his taking some men in his boat across the water and meeting third accused on the other side, Mr. Bernadine said that that was not sufficient to warrant the accused's port in the charge, or that he was an accessory before the fact.

Mr. Gould stated that the fact accused was waiting for the boat when it was rowed back by So Fat was quite sufficient proof that accused was an accessory before the fact, even though he was 20 minutes away from the scene of the robbery. Besides this, the \$1,000 recovered as his share might be quite sufficient proof of his guilt.

First accused, Chan Shiu-ping, in the witness box stated that he was a merchant, occupied in transporting rice and other commodities from and to Sham Chun. On July 15 he was about his business when he was called by So Fat to join him for five days until July 19, when five detectives entered his house, and asked him for

HK\$150. He asked them what it was for but he did not receive any reply to the question. After he had given it to them, they ransacked the house. He was then handcuffed and brought to the Police Station.

After being shown a statement Chan continued he was told by one of the detectives to sign it. He was also told that there was a charge against him and to read the statement.

Struck And Threatened Chan then alleged that when he refused to sign the statement he was struck twice and threatened by one of the detectives. He was then told that if he signed the statement everything would be all right. This he did.

As regards the evidence given by So Fat, Chan alleged that So Fat had a grudge against him for some time, and gave false evidence as a result.

During the Japanese occupation, Chan said, So was employed by him to transport rice and other commodities to and from the New Territories. One day So absconded with some of the cargo which he was assigned to deliver. Some time later Chan met him in the presence of one of the detectives. Chan alleged that the detective became incensed at the deception and wanted to put up a fight. Since then So has had a grudge against him.

Lam On, however, denied in Court that any proceedings had taken place at any time, in his presence, between Chan and So. Second accused in the witness box also denied the allegations. He also alleged that he was struck and threatened by the police and that he signed the statement made up by one of the police officers.

Sentences For Armed Robbery Try

Five men were charged with possession of arms and ammunition and conspiring to commit an armed robbery, before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Wan On, Chan Sum, Leung Lien and Chan Tani pleaded guilty to both charges, and Wan Yan pleaded guilty to the conspiracy charge but not guilty to the charge of possession of arms. His plea was accepted by the prosecution.

Inspector J. R. Sykes stated that information was received by the police that an armed robbery at 216 Temple Street, floor, was planned for October 10. At 7.30 on that day, Inspector Sykes and a party of detectives ambushed in the neighbourhood. An hour later, four men were seen to approach.

When the detectives came forward, one of the men, Chan Sum, bolted into a shop, dropping a paper bag he had with him. The other three were searched. Wan On had a revolver revolver loaded with five rounds of ammunition stuck in his girdle. Leung Lien carried a dagger. Chan Sum was subsequently taken into custody. The paper bag he left behind was found to contain a dagger and coils of thin rope. Wan Yan, the fourth man, was unarmoured.

All four men admitted that they had conspired to rob. Later that day a man named Leung Chung found on the staircase of 201 Temple Street a dagger wrapped in a piece of newspaper. He gave it to the police. It was a member of the gang, but Yau-ni Police Station.

On the next day, at 11.30 a.m. Inspector Sykes went to the roof of 146 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, and there apprehended Chan Tani, the fourth accused. He admitted he was a member of the gang. He was walking apart from the others the evening before. When he became aware of the presence of the police, he lost himself in the crowd and threw the dagger on the staircase.

Chan Yan was sentenced to one year's hard labour and the other four to three years' imprisonment for both offences.

Remembrance Day Fund

Following are additional donations to the above fund:

Mr. B. J. Cooke	100
Mr. G. W. Sewell	100
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Meeting Of Insurance Company

At the annual general meeting of the China Underwriters, Limited, yesterday it was reported that First Year Premiums last year were higher than any previous year in the company's history.

Renewal Premiums, however, did not reach the level existing before the war. This was attributed to the war.

The Directors' report said that Premium Income during the year was HK\$909,385 as compared with HK\$715,000 in 1946.

The report added: "Since the war we have provided for payment of about \$2,250,000. China under Life policies and over \$200,000 surpluses values. New Business put on the books representing premiums of about \$1,000,000 per annum has only contributed one or two years' premiums or less to the fund, and heavy initial expenses, so that the best we can expect is to be expected."

"Renewal Premiums in 1947 represented only 30 per cent of our total premium income (against 82 per cent in 1940) and will not be until renewal premiums form a more balanced part of our income that our fund will begin to increase again, as considerable numbers of pre-war policies will fall due for payment during the next few years."

"Shareholders will be glad to hear that although we carried over large surpluses on the Kowloon Wharf and Wing On Codovins in Hong Kong which recently suffered disastrous fires, our conservative insurance policy reduces our net loss to a comparatively small figure which will be easily taken up in the current year's figures."

Adjustments Of Assets

"In addition to the balance brought forward and interest not carried to Departmental Accounts this account contains small adjustments of assets and liabilities for which the 1946 figures proved incorrect as further information became available."

"Certain of the Company's investments were realised during the year at prices much over their book values. After writing down, from the profit made, all remaining investments to market value at 31st December 1947, (at under book value) a net profit of \$22,633 is carried to Profit and Loss."

"The revaluation of interest still outstanding as a result of the Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance, 1948. The writing off of a small mortgage repayment in Yen to the Yokohama Specie Bank in Hong Kong during the Japanese occupation, has necessitated a debit of \$30,883. A small sum has been placed to reserve for certain debts which may prove irrecoverable."

"After making the transfers to and from the Life, Accident and Marine Revenue Accounts which I have already mentioned, there remains a balance of \$8,714 which is proposed should be carried forward to 1948."

Some Anxiety

"Political and economic conditions in some of our more active fields, namely, Malaya, the Netherlands Indies and particularly Burma, gave rise to some anxiety. The direct effects on us as a result of claims arising from the disturbed conditions prevailing in these areas, which we have already mentioned, were seriously interfered with. China has remained practically a closed field owing to currency conditions."

"This is the first meeting since the war which it can be claimed is fully representative of the loss of our Register of Members. We had not previously a full list of our shareholders. That has been remedied by the reconstruction of our Register. Our new Register is now complete and approved by law."

Shareholders present at the meeting included: Messrs. H. Dreyer, Dick, Leung Nai-yuen, A. A. Botelho, F. G. Barros and Kokang Woo. Dr. J. W. Anderson and Mr. Leo d'Almeida were re-elected to the Board of Directors. The appointment of Mr. E. R. Childs as Vice and a Director was confirmed. Mr. Childs in Managing Director of this company.

Dividend Recommended

The Chairman and Board of Directors of the China Light and Power Company, Limited, announced yesterday that it is their intention to recommend as the annual general meeting, a final dividend of HK\$1 a share, less HK\$1 in respect of the year ended September 30. Dividends will be paid pro rata on new shares.

To meet the Company's large expansion programme, the directors have also decided to issue further shares of HK\$100,000 at par, at the rate of two new shares to every share existing on hand.

It is intended to make for HK\$100,000 in the next few days, and the new shares will be issued to shareholders at a later date.

Scheme To Catch Conspirators Depends On Smith

The police scheme to catch the four alleged conspirators in a \$1,000,000 swindle would have failed if R. S. Smith, a former Assistant Crown Solicitor, had fallen out; admitted Detective Sub-Inspector J. Moore, Commercial Crimes Squad of the Special Branch, at Kowloon yesterday.

DSI Moore, in further cross-examination by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, agreed that the success of the whole scheme depended to a certain extent on the co-operation of Mr. Smith.

Yesterday was the sixth day of hearing of the case in which Wong Chiu alias K. K. Wong, aged 50, interpreter, Cheung Yung, aged 34, unemployed, and Cheng Yim-san, 40-year-old druggist, are charged with conspiring, between July 15 and 21, to steal HK\$1,105,440 from the Hsin Hua Enterprise Co. of China Building.

In the absence of Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Assistant Crown Solicitor, DSI Moore conducted the case for the prosecution, heard before Mr. J. Wicks, Mr. Griffiths represented all three defendants. There were originally four accused, but the first defendant, Poon Ping-nam alias Poon Sin-yu, 51-year-old merchant of 48 Village Road, jumped his bail of \$12,500 on August 23.

At the commencement of yesterday's hearing, Mr. Griffiths submitted that the statement made by Cheung Yung at 11.45 a.m. on July 22 could not be admitted, as part of that statement contained defendant's opinion.

Quoting from the statement, Mr. Griffiths said that, in reply to the question whether he thought the whole deal a fraud, Cheung said: "From what I have heard I am now of the opinion that it is a fraud." That was an opinion on the issue before the court.

Submission Upheld

Defence counsel's submission was upheld by the court, and the statement was withdrawn by the prosecution. Continuing his evidence from the previous hearing, DSI Moore said that he took statements from the second accused shortly before midnight on July 21, from Cheung Yung at 12.30 a.m. on July 22, and Cheng Yim-san at 2.15 the same morning.

During the questioning of the third accused, a facsimile of an agreement in Chinese was produced by that accused. Another statement was taken from Wong at 9.20 a.m. that day.

At 3.45 p.m. that afternoon, continued witness, he searched the residence of Poon at 48 Village Road, ground floor, and found a carbon copy of a pencilled agreement. Two hours later, all the four men were told that they were under arrest, and at 2.40 p.m. the following day, they were charged.

The residence of the second accused, at 154 Wooning Street, ground floor, was searched by witness at 3.45 p.m. on July 23, and an address book containing the telephone number of the fourth defendant was found. They also seized a number of visiting cards, and also a letter headed "The United China Exporter" and signed by the second accused.

Nothing was found in the houses of the third and fourth defendants when the premises were searched on the same afternoon.

Witness Cross-Examined

Cross-examined by Mr. Griffiths, witness said that Mr. Smith was instructed by the Director of Intelligence (Mr. E. R. Childs) to keep in with the four persons and to report to the police. He was not instructed to take an active part in the conspiracy, but "to go along as if he was one of them."

Mr. Griffiths, in other words, was instructed to go along and participate in it as if he was one of them.

Witness: Yes, in a way. He was told to keep us posted.

Witness agreed with defence counsel that the success of the whole scheme depended, to a certain extent, on the co-operation of Mr. Smith, and that the scheme, as it was designed, would have failed if Mr. Smith had fallen out.

Mr. Griffiths: At the time Mr. Smith was instructed, did any one make it clear to him the difference between a police spy and an accomplice?

At the time of instructing Mr. Smith, admitted the witness, the police knew that he had held the prominent position of Crown Solicitor in the Colony.

Questioned on the conversation in Mr. Smith's house, witness said that with the exception of Mr. Smith, the persons in the room were not acquainted with him. He went to the "bar" and then to the "lounge."

Witness: "I don't know for sure, but I imagine they would be so that they would have in their minds the idea that they would not be able to go away

Reminders

Today

R.A.F. Association Luncheon, Jacobson Room, E.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, Luncheon at Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
H.K. Art Club Exhibition Helena Mary Institute
United Church Ladies Committee meeting, Helena Mary Institute, 3.30 p.m.
Opening of Kwai Chung Salvation Army Girls Home, 5 p.m.
Bridge Building Drive, European YMCA, 2.40 p.m.
Spiral and Dance Night, European YMCA, 7 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Guest Night (first of the season) at European YMCA, 8.45 p.m.
Sino-British Club Symposium Orchestra, Concert, St. Stephen's Girls College, 8.30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Grand Ball, Kowloon V. School, at school grounds.
SUNDAY
Lectures on Archaeology, by Miss M. Stuart, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Dewall Festival, prayers at Sikh Temple, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY
Hindu New Year Day, Dinner Party at Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Shanghai Bridge House Trial

(Continued from Page 1)

The prosecutor said Watson will describe how he was brutally beaten, how he was subjected to the painful water torture, and how his torturers gave him electric shocks in order to make him confess to imaginary offences.

Watson was imprisoned in the cell opposite to that in which William Hutton was confined and on several occasions Watson saw Hutton being beaten mercilessly by Yoshida. He heard Hutton's screams of agony while Yoshida hit Hutton with a rifle and stamped on his broken, yet living, body.

Watson witnessed Hutton growing gradually mad as the result of tortures, continuous and unbroken. Hutton was eventually stripped naked, under Yoshida's supervision, and was then tied up with a rope-like one would tie up a pig. Yoshida assisted in this brutality said the prosecutor. Tied up, Hutton shouted that he was being killed. The more he shouted the more he was whipped by Yoshida and others, added the prosecutor.

The prosecutor said that Watson will tell of his own protests to the guards over Hutton's pitiable condition. The only answer from the Japanese was to beat Watson.

Mentally Deranged

Hutton was left in his cell, bound with ropes, for five days; naked and filthy and mentally deranged. Finally, Watson was ordered to go into Hutton's cell and release him from his ropes.

The prosecutor added that at that time, Hutton was a pitiable sight, still bound and almost completely mad after his days of continued agony. The ropes tying his wrists had worked their way deep into the flesh. Watson was made to untie these ropes, undoing the knots with his teeth.

This occurred on Friday, August 13. On the same day Watson and Hutton were driven back to Haiphong Road Camp. On Sunday, August 15, Hutton was removed to the Country Hospital where he died the same day.

The prosecutor said that a Hans Rechin will be tendered in corroboration of this evidence. Rechin identified Yoshida as the man who tortured Hutton, and described his own beatings and tortures.

The prosecutor said that Rechin stated that when Hutton first came into the cell he appeared to be normal and in good physical condition.

Near Death

Mr. J. P. Blenkinsop who was a Chief Inspector in the Shanghai Municipal Police, added the prosecutor, has stated that when Hutton was taken out from the Haiphong Road Camp on August 2 he was in perfect health, but that when he was returned he was in an unconscious state and apparently near to death.

Dr. S. D. Sturton, said the prosecutor, saw Hutton on his return to Haiphong Road and described certain marks which were cut into Hutton's flesh. These marks were in the form of letters.

This evidence will be corroborated by an affidavit of Dr. Calame who carried out a post mortem examination of Hutton's body in the presence of Dr. Croset, representing the Swiss Consul-General, added the prosecutor. The prosecution will show that before he died, Hutton, while in a mental and physical state of degeneration due to his tortures, had carved various letters and words on to his own skin.

The prosecution will also produce photographs of Hutton's body, taken during the post mortem examination which clearly show the deep wounds on the wrists, where the victim was so tightly bound that the ropes cut deeply into the flesh, and the general condition of the body, said the prosecutor.

This and other evidence, the prosecutor said, will conclusively prove that the persons mentioned in the first charge were brutally ill-treated and inhumanly tortured by the accused Yoshida and that at the time of these tortures the accused Kinoshita was the Officer-in-charge of the Kempei Tai Units in Shanghai, including the Branch in which the war crimes took place against helpless and innocent civilians.

Second Charge

The second charge is against General Kinoshita Eichi only. It deals with the ill-treatment and death of a Chinese male named Yung. Yung was imprisoned in the Bridge House cells in November 1942. He died in those cells as a direct result of the inhuman ill-treatment which he then received said the prosecutor. He added that Yung was deliberately starved to death.

He said that during 27 days imprisonment Yung was starved of all food and water. He was thrashed and beaten almost daily until he died. Mr. H. F. Pringle will describe Yung's last days of starvation and death, said the prosecutor.

Mr. Pringle he added, will describe how Yung's hands were kept in handcuffs for the whole period of his imprisonment, and he will recall how, on one occasion, Yung had his hands manacled. One hand of the cell while his hands were beaten with a whip. Yung screamed and cried for mercy, but received no answer. Yung died after 27 days and Mr. Pringle will tell of the condition of the corpse which he helped to remove it from the cell, said the prosecutor.

The prosecution will prove in court that General Kinoshita inspected the cells during Yung's imprisonment and that Kinoshita personally saw Yung's condition, and that he ignored Yung's cries for food and water.

The third charge is against Kinoshita only. It relates to the ill-treatment of the following civilians, resulting in physical suffering to them all—

The Reverend W. H. Hudspeth, Henry Forsythe Pringle, Edwin Arthur Thompson, Kenneth William Colston, James Robert Cunningham, William Slade Bugey, Arthur Vincent Toovey Dean, C. D. Kurnick, Patrick Samuel Gibson, Alexander Huhndra, Morris Joseph Soulevisch, Evans Dave, Louis S. Frank and Boris Topas all persons who were imprisoned in Bridge House Shanghai. In addition, there are three men who were ill-treated in the Union Jack Club premises in Yorkburgh Road in Shanghai, these are Eric Davies, J. A. Cook, R. P. Young.

The prosecution, said the prosecutor, will call evidence to prove that in the case of each of the civilians, they were imprisoned in the places mentioned, usually without any charges being preferred against them.

The prosecution will prove he added that they were imprisoned in unhealthy and dirty cells, and will bring evidence to show that all the men were subjected to various kinds of ill-treatment and tortures, carried out with deliberate intention by the Kempei Tai personnel working under General Kinoshita.

The prosecution will, he added, prove conclusively that General Kinoshita was well aware of the appalling conditions under which the prisoners, and numerous other civilians, were confined. Evidence will be called, he said, to prove the conditions in the cells and the methods of torture.

In the case of witnesses who are now at remote distances the prosecution will tender their evidence in the form of affidavits or other written testimony.

The following tortures which the prosecution witnesses will testify follow—

Prisoners were slapped and kicked. They were beaten with bamboo poles and other objects. Their naked bodies were subjected to terrible tortures including the water torture which rendered them unconscious through having large quantities of water poured into them.

In addition, prisoners were often subjected to electric shocks applied to the tenderest parts of their bodies. They were tied down, naked and helpless, while burning cigarettes were pinched in their nostrils, and applied to sensitive parts of their bodies including their genital organs, causing excruciating pain and often rendering the victims unconscious.

The prosecution will also prove said the prosecutor, that prisoners were subjected to these and other tortures in order to make them confess to imaginary offences against the Japanese.

The prosecution will produce the sworn statements of the accused in which General Kinoshita states that he personally visited the Units under his command.

Witnesses will testify that the accused personally saw the revolting conditions under which these prisoners were confined, and in the light of this, and other evidence, the prosecution will show that General Kinoshita was concerned in the ill-treatment of the persons mentioned in the charge, and that the ill-treatment amounted to a War Crime against the Laws of Humanity, and against the Laws and Usages of War.

The first witness, Mr. H. F. Pringle, an Australian, aged 49, said he was general superintendent of the Shanghai Telephone Co. Ltd. Inc., Shanghai.

On October 6, 1942, he was attending office as usual when Shinahara, the Japanese general manager of the Telephone Company, called with seven men from the Japanese Gendarmaria and told him he was wanted for questioning.

They acted quite nicely to him at first, but as soon as they arrived at Bridge House their demeanour suddenly changed.

"Put out that cigarette, and go in," one of the men ordered, as he was being led into "Bridge House."

Inside witness was asked to stand. He leaned against a chair and put one of his hands in his trousers pocket.

"Or I'll Slap Your Face!" "Take your hand out of your pocket, you English bastard, or I'll slap your face," one of the men told him in English.

Permits For Kai Tak Field

The Kai Tak airfield authorities will introduce a system of permits on November 1 for individuals and vehicles whose duty makes it necessary for them to enter prohibited areas at Kai Tak.

This does not affect the entry into the Airport by the Main Gate, far as the Terminal Building.

Any person who does not hold a special permit issued by the Department of Civil Aviation, or any vehicle which either does not bear the markings of an Air Force company, or display a vehicle permit or obtains prior permission to proceed beyond the Gate at the Terminal Building or the ex-Flycatcher Gate, the offenders will be prosecuted.

Mr. Pringle said he was, then ordered to fill out a form giving particulars of himself, after which he was to take out everything from his pockets and also to remove his necktie. This done, one of the gendarmes told him that this was Bridge House, and that he was not to speak or else he would have his throat cut.

After checking details, Mr. Pringle was taken to cell No. 3, a room measuring 10 feet by 11 feet into which 10 Chinese men and three foreigners including a 40-year-old Russian woman, had already been incarcerated.

They were all very dirty, some suffering from bad skin diseases and everyone had lice. A bucket in a sort of open alcove served as a lavatory, the odour from which was overpowering. There was only one electric light.

For the first week the foreigners were allowed out into the yard to wash under the tap, but the Chinese had to use a bucket of water brought into the cell.

The Chinese prisoners had all to wash in one bucket of water. For food the foreigners had four ounces of dry bread and a bowl of plain boiled rice instead of bread.

For exercise they were allowed to pound round the cell for 15 to 20 minutes a day.

Leaning against the wall was not permitted, and lying down was a privilege given only to those who were sick. They had to spend their time sitting or squatting on the wooden platforms.

At night they were provided with a blanket each some of them got two each and slept on the floor close together. A foreigner was not allowed to sleep beside another foreigner.

Strung By Thumbs

Another foreigner, Douglas Fleming, aged 62, was brought into the same cell, shortly after Mr. Pringle. He was taken out early next morning and was brought back two hours later in a terrible state, having been strung up by the thumb and tortured.

Nothing happened to Mr. Pringle during the first week, but on October 12, about midnight, he was suddenly awakened and taken to an interrogation chamber above the Gendarmaria office, where he saw seven men in civilian clothes, all members of the Gendarmaria, including an interpreter named Ukumizu.

Ukumizu, also known as "Jimmy," speaking perfect English, said: "We are going to ask you a few questions, and if you are frank with us you will soon be released."

Mr. Pringle was first questioned regarding some papers taken from his pockets and then he was referred to a file from his office in which were some outstanding bills for telephone rent etc., on the Japanese Consulate, the Army, Navy and Gendarmaria in Shanghai dated May 1938, which had not been paid. These were mere formal reminders with telephone numbers and addresses on them.

When Mr. Pringle explained the purpose of the bills, a Japanese gendarme "Yokohata" banged his fist on the table and shouted in English, "Liar!" Through the interpreter Mr. Pringle was told that the numbers were official Japanese numbers which witness had kept for spying on the Japanese forces.

Alleged Spy Ring

"A spy ring has existed in the Telephone Company, and you are the second in command," E. W. Johnson is the chief of the organisation," Mr. Pringle was told.

Upon Mr. Pringle denying the allegation, Yokohata said: "As you have not been frank, we shall have to take it out of your body." They all then left the room, leaving behind only the interpreter Ukumizu with Mr. Pringle, who was advised to confess.

"The worst will be three or four years in prison," he was told.

Upon Mr. Pringle protesting his innocence he was led down to the Gendarmaria office below where he saw two benches placed in position and a gendarme named Suzuki testing an electrical apparatus.

"Go over to that desk and write a farewell letter to your wife. You have just 10 minutes to do it," he was told while he received two blows across his face.

When the 10 minutes were up, and Mr. Pringle had not written any letter, his jacket was removed and his inner vest rolled up. A steel bar was placed across his chest and he was plunged to the two benches with his hands tied behind him. His trousers and underpants were then pulled off and his legs were tied with cords to the benches.

His nose and another applied to his nipples, lips, nose and ears.

Agony Unbearable

The agony was so unbearable that he struggled and the benches collapsed. The benches were set up again and Mr. Pringle was flung down on them. This time handcuffs were applied to his ankles.

This time the electrodes were also applied to his private parts, and the pain was so terrible that he screamed as he had never screamed before, until he lost consciousness.

When he came around he found hot coffee being poured down his throat, and the same torture was repeated. This time, due probably to the batteries running out, the pain was less unbearable.

This placed the Japanese who then subjected Mr. Pringle to the water torture, with someone applied to his stomach, his arms up and down all the time.

Once again Mr. Pringle lost consciousness. On recovering he found the interpreter Ukumizu scowling "Speak, you bastard, speak."

The water torture was repeated, and Mr. Pringle forgot how many times he lost consciousness. Next morning two persons carried him back to his cell.

Nothing happened during the next 10 days, but at the end of that period he was again taken up to the interrogation chamber where Ukumizu warned him, "You had better speak."

This warning was accompanied by blows from the fist and sticks, and when he fell on the floor he was kicked. Eventually a blow to the jaw put him out.

New Technique Tried

When he regained consciousness Mr. Pringle's persecutors adopted a new technique. The prospect of repatriation was held out to him.

"Forrestier and Petroff have already confessed, and if you do likewise, you will be allowed to leave on a repatriation ship," Mr. Pringle was told.

It was another fortnight before Mr. Pringle was again taken for interrogation, when he was pounded with the accusation "You did listen in" for one whole day; but they could get nothing out of him.

Mr. Pringle related how the Japanese tortured Yung, a Shanghai Chinese civilian, who he was mercilessly beaten and starved, how he appealed in vain to General Kinoshita on his knees for mercy. Yung eventually died from starvation and torture.

Further hearing was adjourned to 10 a.m. this morning.

CORRESPONDENCE

Why Blame Servicemen?

Sir—As known to all, prostitution is an old age profession whose origin is untraceable and its extinction will never be accomplished, and to our reader John Ward I will stake my life if he can exterminate prostitution in this colony. Naturally, the attention is focused on the interest and benefits of the public I wish John Ward success, but, a vast majority of Servicemen, like myself, feel impelled to remonstrate against the contumacious statement that Servicemen increased the rate of prostitution in this colony. If I may be permitted, I would like to inform John Ward that this statement had a devastating effect on the morality of decent, clean-living men in the Forces and on every tongue there is a query "What if John Ward?" In relation to "Fair-mindedness" letter (October 22) I feel compelled to agree that John Ward is but a newcomer to the colony or his eyesight failed to observe many civilians in the "divas" and "sals" of Kowloon associating with prostitutes and I don't mean Servicemen dressed as civilians.

Therefore, John Ward's remark bears no significance or proof, because everybody is blamed for the present situation. I would also like to mention N.C.O.'s to take notice as I'm sure his remark on Servicemen's manners and behaviour has caused bitter resentment amongst the ranks. Perhaps this future N.C.O. has forgotten the differences of Servicemen. A Serviceman cannot afford to make his presence known in high-class hotels among the "socialites" of Hong Kong or any other locality, for example, I know a married man who drags \$15 a week as his pay. Now tell me how would you live to be "respectable" after deducting your weekly necessities from \$15 especially with the high cost of living in the colony. As a serving member of the British Forces, this man-N.C.O. should be utterly despised for "moral decay" the men who serve under his orders men who have fought to bring peace and goodwill to earth and mankind.

In my opinion the concluding factor from all the angles of this subject is that the "moral decay" will never be eliminated as its source is found in every class in life. I could write a book on this subject alone, of its psychological effects, religion, depravity, morals, etc., but my present concern is to deter my ambition and therefore I will refrain from saying more and leave the solution to John Ward.

(Sgd.) FISHER.

Food For Thought

Sir—I have been told living very interestingly the little discussion people have been having in your columns, and I think that our friends in the service, who have taken the time and trouble to defend their respectability, have more or less side-tracked the argument into a channel which is going away from Mr. Ward's letter, (in which he was complaining primarily on the subject of prostitution in the Colony) to the subject of the British people in Hong Kong and their general attitude to the Servicemen.

To those of you who would condemn the civilian in Hong Kong, I would like to say, please ease up. It doesn't get you anywhere, and besides your letters tend to blow towards the "Kettle calling the pot" style. If you are really an honourable and unimpeachable character, just remember these few words: once said in this country. "He who calls a swallow an insult is surely a true man!"

I think it over friends, was it really necessary?

J. H. J.

"INVESTOR"—Don't you think it would be most appropriate to make your duty to the Company concerned—Ed.

White Mammoths?

Sir—It was very interesting the other day to read that a block of 500 apartments is being erected in the West Point area for \$8,000,000. It was especially interesting in the light of the reports that Government has spent \$5,000,000 on the 20 apartments at Leighton Hill.

Of course there are apartments—and apartments—but still, and all, there is quite a difference in the amount of accommodation provided, which seems to merit an explanation.

How about a frank and open statement covering all Government accommodation, and the finance involved therein, now that the Colony is out on its own in this direction, and the community are relying on the bill. Is there any valid reason for a veil of secrecy over what should be simple SHERMAN S. POTOMAC.

A CORRECTIVE

Our attention has been drawn to the letter published under the heading "It was a grievous sin" in our issue of yesterday. We agree that having regard to the clear terms of the motion and of the speeches, particularly those of the proposer and seconder, the implication in that letter is unwarranted. Whilst it is the policy of this paper to publish the views of its readers on matters of public interest, it by no means follows that we share them and in the case we would like to make it quite clear that we do not share the views expressed in that letter and do not impute any bad faith to any of the Honourable Members of the Legislative Council referred to in that letter.

Chan Man-woo, aged 28, who tried to bring a bag of gold, valued at \$100, out of Hong Kong by train on October 20 morning, had his gold confiscated by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he was charged by Revenue Officer D. H. Knox with exporting gold without a permit.

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MacDonald Warns: "Terrorism Not Over"

ISRAEL TO HANG ON TO NEGEV

Tel-Aviv, October 28. Jewish Government spokesman today indicated that Israel has no intention of giving up one inch of the territory it has conquered in the Negev area in Southern Palestine.

Abel Herman, Foreign Office spokesman, said the Jews had received the acting United Nations mediator's request that Jewish forces withdraw in the Negev to the positions they held before October 14, when fighting flared up.

Mr. Herman emphasized that this request from the mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, was separate from the Security Council's cease fire order. There was no suggestion of troop withdrawal in the cease fire order, according to Mr. Herman.

He added that there would be no Jewish reply to Dr. Bunche's request before tomorrow.

An Israeli military spokesman said today that "all was quiet on the southern front" but minor operations were going on in the North of Palestine.

The most important Israeli stronghold on the Lebanese front—the police fortress of Nobi Yousha, captured by Israeli forces in May—was shelled this morning by Lebanese forces and Arab irregulars, he said.

The spokesman denied Arab reports that the hill settlement of Menarrah, overlooking the Israeli life-line to the North, was occupied by the Arabs.—United Press and Reuter.

SOVIET SECTOR SABOTAGE

Berlin, October 28. The Soviet Sector police announced tonight that a technical breakdown in the Soviet Sector power station last night was due to "an act of sabotage."—Reuter.

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12.20 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
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2.35 p.m.—Edith Lorenz Her Viennese Orchestra and Maria Eggerth (GRIEG).
2.50 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francophone (Studio).
3.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
3.15 p.m.—The University Programme—Social Science No. 4: "Social and Political Theory" by Professor G.I.D. Cole (HUTCH).
3.35 p.m.—"Concerto". Concerto in D Minor, Op. 104 (Dvorak), Pau Casals (Solo) and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.
3.45 p.m.—Plays "Wanted on Voyage" by Jack Shepherd. Episode 91 "Minute Two". Produced for the Hong Kong Singing Club, by Jack Shepherd (Studio).
3.55 p.m.—Selections from the Broadway Success "Drizoidon".
4.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
4.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
4.30 p.m.—A Piano Recital.
4.50 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
5.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
5.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

COMING TO THE KING'S



London, October 26.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General for South East Asia, said today that it would take some months before the terrorist forces in Malaya could be completely destroyed, because of the jungle conditions.

"However long it may be, I am afraid we must expect a continuance of assassinations, sabotage and arson. We cannot keep a continuous guard over every village, estate and bungalow and every isolated place in the country," he said.

Mr. MacDonald, who was speaking at a special press conference today, said: "There is evidence that it was the decision of a gathering of international Communists that the Communist Party in South East Asia generally should stir up as much trouble as they could for the constitutional authorities whether these latter were the British Government, Asian Governments or other governments."

Mr. MacDonald said the Communist Party in Malaya numbered something like 12,000 in 1946-47. The terrorists now carrying out their "murderous attacks" numbered between 3,000 and 5,000.

The terrorists were nearly all Chinese. Of 430 terrorists killed or captured by the security forces since the beginning of June 407 were Chinese, 15 Malays, two Indians, four Indonesians and one Siamese. But that did not mean that the Chinese community as a whole supported the Communists. The contrary was true. Nearly all the Chinese looked forward to the day when the Chinese Communist terrorists would be completely overthrown.

Outside Pressure

The terrorists were not only largely of an alien movement but were refugees who had come from outside of Malaya. Their inspiration did not come from inside Malaya.

"There is plenty of evidence that the decisive factor which may have begun these outbreaks was communist pressure from outside."

He did not think the terrorists were able to get very much support from outside either across the land frontier or along the coast. "We have patrols on land and at sea and we are constantly checking up. A little may be slipping in but our information shows that our methods are pretty effective."

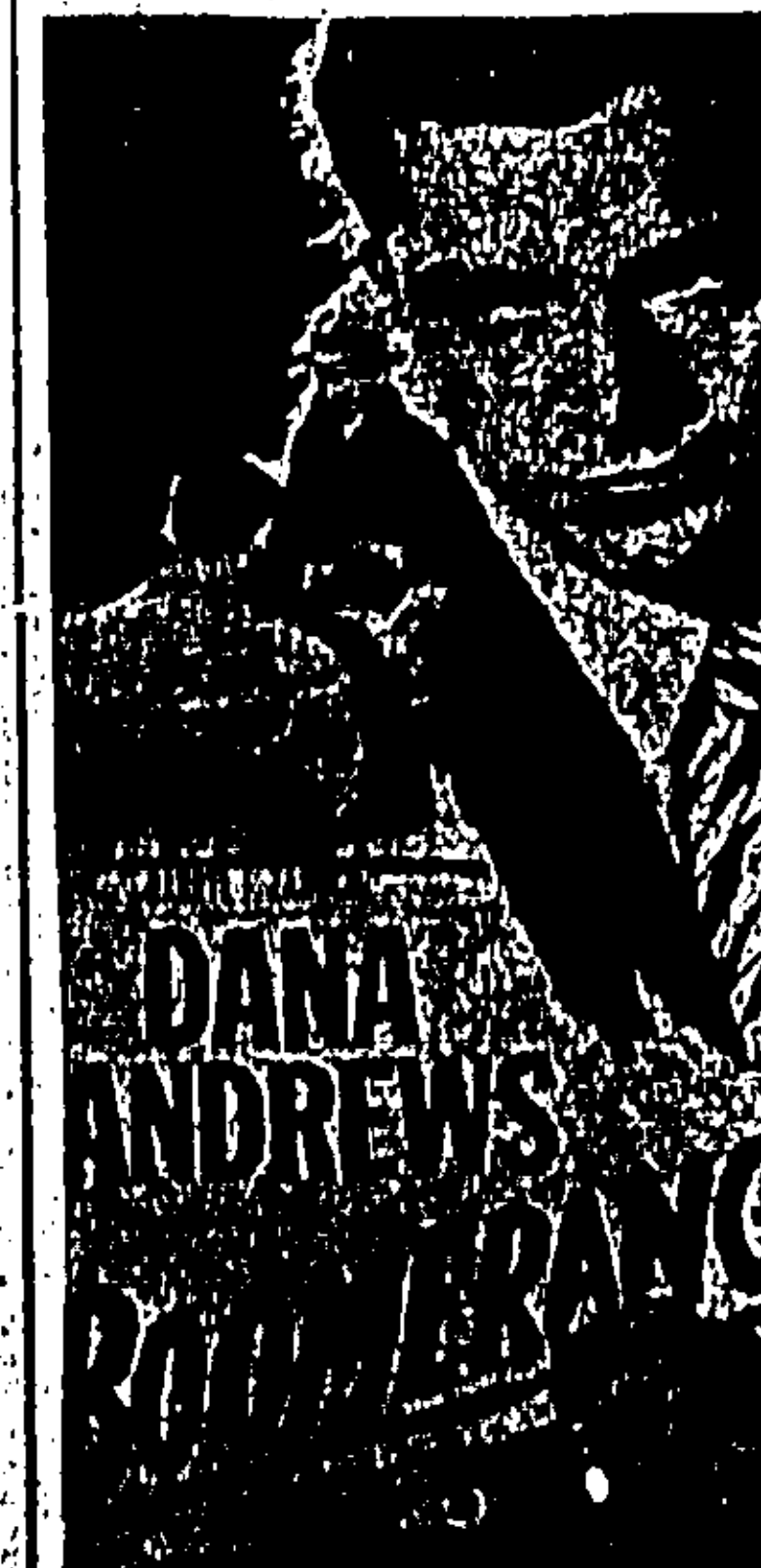
Other points he made were: The trade unions, emergency powers had "very strong" support of trade union leaders in the country. Many of them were coming to discuss the situation and urge as strong methods as possible to destroy the terrorist movement which was trying to break up the true trade union movement. He declined to give the names of these trade union leaders because there is a risk that they would be murdered in the next few days if the terrorists could get them.

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Five Killed At Funeral Service

Venice, October 26. Lightning struck a church today during the funeral service for a young girl. Five persons standing near the coffin were killed.—Associated Press.

A Shock For Belgrade

Budapest, October 26.

All senior members of the Yugoslav Legation in Budapest, including the Charge d'Affaires, resigned today stating, in a signed declaration, that they opposed Marshal Tito's policies and fully supported the Communist resolution denouncing him.

Among the group are the Deputy Foreign Attaché and the Yugoslav Consul.

The Budapest news agency has also resigned. The Minister himself is at present in Belgrade, and has not resigned.—Reuter.

ONLY ONE LIVED

Copenhagen, October 26.

Fifteen seamen were drowned when the 322-ton Danish vessel, Carl, was wrecked last night off the Finnish coast. Only one man was saved.—Reuter.

BERLINERS TOLD TO DEFY REDS

Berlin, October 27.

German anti-Communist leaders told Western Berliners today to resign themselves to the hardships of a winter blockade.

They urged them to remain defiant to the Russian pressures. This was their reaction to Russia's veto of the Berlin compromise resolution in the United Nations Security Council.

Anti-Communist spokesmen also expressed pessimism that any further attempts to solve the blockade deadlock at Paris would have any success. They urged the Western Allies to step up their efforts to pull the city through the winter.

Meanwhile, the Russians controlled press here attempted to justify the Soviet action contending the Western Powers were "blocking a Berlin solution."

The Russians also took new measures designed to win over Berliners. One of these was an order for a general wage increase for all workers in the Soviet sector of the city. The raises authorised range from 50 to 80 per cent over the level established in May 1945 after the German capitulation.—Associated Press.

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PLOTTER HUNTER WAS HIMSELF A PLOTTER

Bangkok, October 27.

The police major general whose responsibility it was to round up plotters in the spurious Siam coup d'etat of October 6, was arrested today as a suspected plotter himself.

In an equally bizarre sequel to the foiled attempt to seize the Government, another person suspected of implication in the plot announced his candidacy for the National House of Representatives.

The police official taken into custody was Major General Chamnan Vasanasomsak, Chairman of the Plot Investigation Board.

Chamnan was arrested because of alleged dealings with others rounded up as plot suspects. The candidate suspect is Lieutenant-General Sinarat Yotharak, former Minister of the Interior, who went to the provincial headquarters today under heavy guard and wearing handcuffs to file his papers for the candidacy.

The Government accepted the filing but said that the candidacy would be voided on election day, December 4, if Sinarat is still being held.

Sinarat is alleged to have been the prospective Prime Minister of the group which attempted the coup.

Court charges against the principal plot suspects, who include two other major generals and a former Premier, Thawi Bunyaket, are being placed.—Associated Press.

WINDSOR LEAVES LONDON

London, October 27.

The Duke of Windsor left London last night on the ferry train for Paris. While in London the Duke visited the King and Queen and Queen Mary.—Associated Press.

He Got Short End Of Stick

Shanghai, October 27.

A sum of US\$14,987 deposited in a Chinese bank before the war is worth nine Gold Yuan (less than US\$2) according to a decision handed down by Chief Justice Hsu Fu-kee of the Shanghai District Court.

The man at the short end of the stick is Albert Thordsen, a German refugee who deposited the US currency with the Cheong Industrial Bank before Pearl Harbor. After V-J Day the Chinese Government's Alien Property Administration said he was an enemy national and confiscated the money.

Mr. Thordsen appealed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nanking. The Ministry ruled he could reclaim his money at the official rate of exchange.

The APA took out its abacus, converted the US currency into 29,000,000 old Chinese dollars at the official rate prevailing on April 30, 1946 (\$2,000 to US\$1). Now, two and a half years later, it bilthely converted it back to US at the revised new rate of exchange of \$3,000,000 Chinese dollars to US\$1.—Associated Press.

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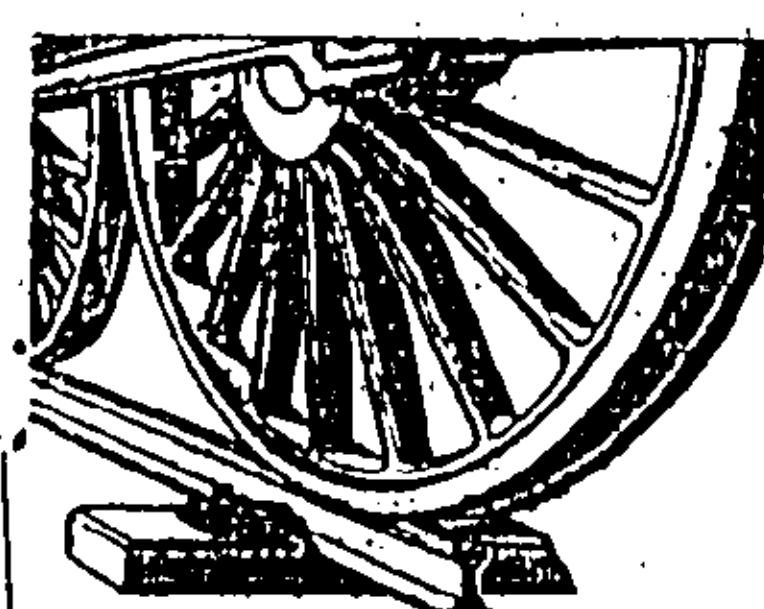


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PULSATOR GIVES VALUABLE FATIGUE TESTING SERVICE

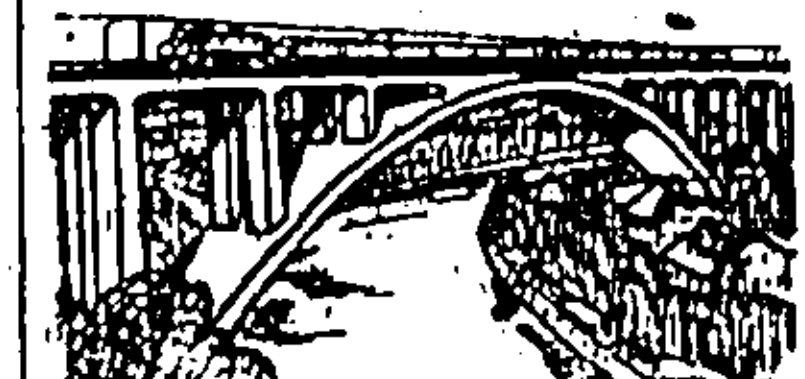
Multitude Of Uses Found For It

1.) What is the idea of Pulsating Tests



Example 1: Railroad: A heavily loaded goods-train runs over the track. Every wheel slight bends the rail when it passes between the sleepers. The rail thus is subjected to a series of constant and rapidly succeeding bending stresses. The rail is not deformed permanently, but according to the amount of traffic, it is subjected to more or less heavy fatigue.

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Example 2: Reinforced Concrete Bridge: Trains, cars, lorries, etc. passing over a bridge set up vibrations, more or less heavy, according to the state of the road surface or the weight of the vehicle.

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Example 3: Connecting Rods and Connecting Rod Ends. They evidently are subject to constant and quickly changing stress variations. How can the best material to withstand such stresses be determined in the quickest and surest way? Naturally by a PULSATOR.

2.) Short description of Pulsators and Tests

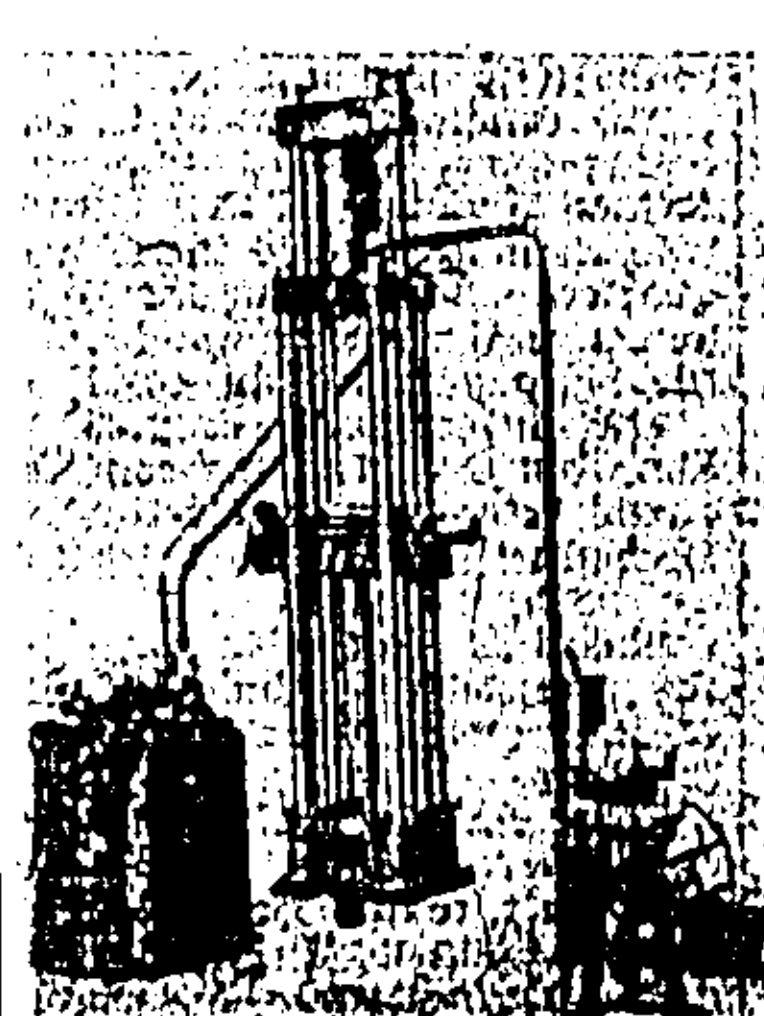


Fig. 4: "Amsler" 100 tons Pulsating Equipment. 100 tons Tensile Testing Machine of specially high design for static and dynamic tests, with Pulsator, Pendulum, Dynamometer and Pump, Pulsation test in tension.

Hydraulic Testing Machines are used in conjunction with Pulsators (Fig. 4) and rapidly produce load variations of high magnitude in full-size test bars and other large specimens inserted in the testing machine.

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3.) Test Pieces

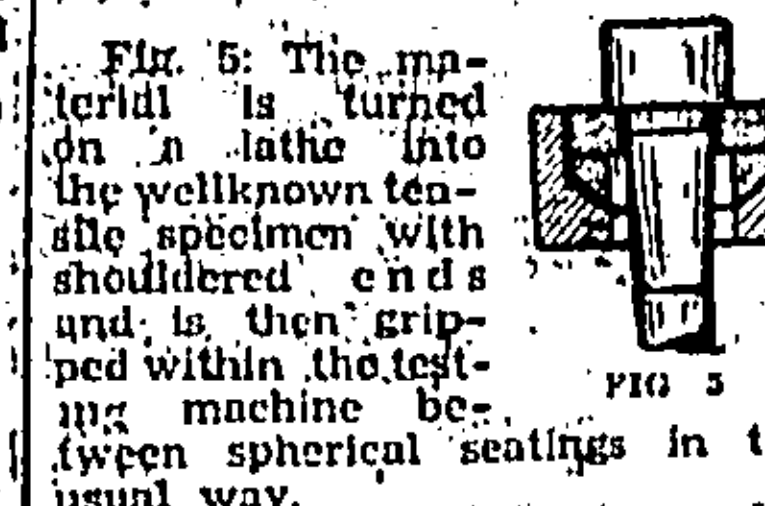


Fig. 5: The material is turned on a lathe into the well-known tensile specimen with shoulders, ends and is then gripped within the testing machine between spherical seatings in the usual way.



Fig. 6: Plain round and flat bars gripped between serrated wedges.



Fig. 7: Wire ropes gripped with sockets at the ends and are then held in the wedge chambers of the machine.

Fig. 8: Transverse specimens are simply placed between the bending tools.

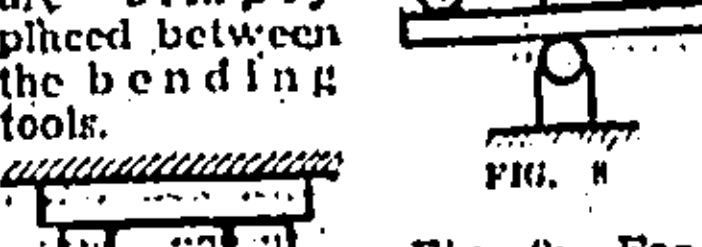


Fig. 9: For compression tests the standard compression tools are used.

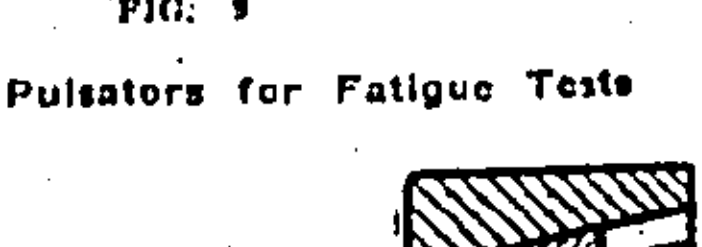


Fig. 10: Riveted parts are held within wedges.

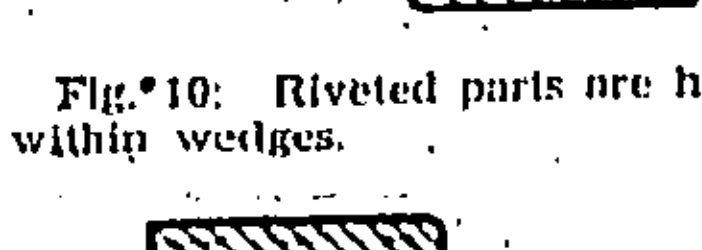


Fig. 11: Welds are gripped like plain bars.

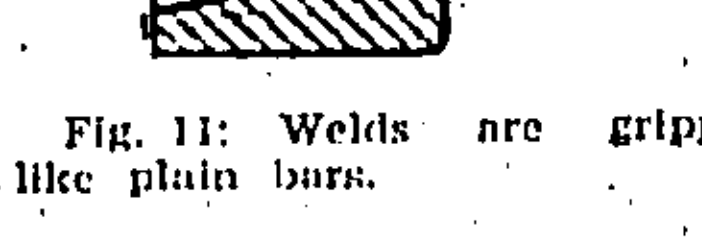
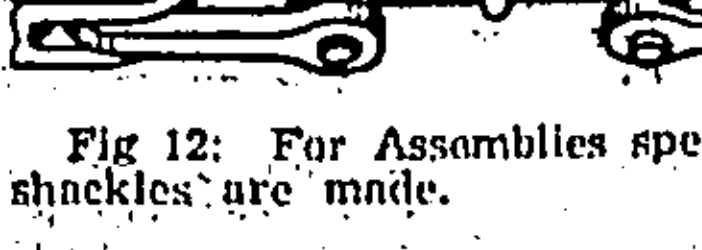


Fig. 12: For Assemblies special shackles are made.



4.) Tensile Fatigue Tests

Load impulses between 1 kg/mm² (lower load limit) and 19 kg/mm² (upper load limit). The specimens are electrically welded bars of the sections shown above. The tests show that annealed material supports a considerably higher number of load impulses before it fractures. See Fig. 13.

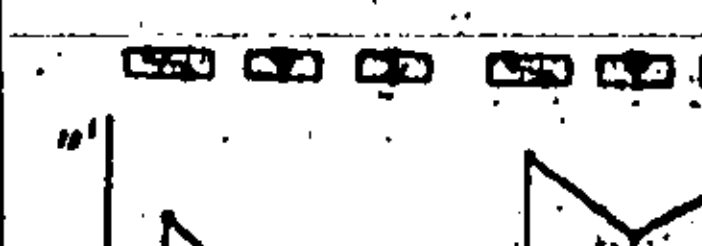


Fig. 13: Comparison of the number of load impulses before fracture for different materials.

5.) Comparative Tests on Differently Prepared Material

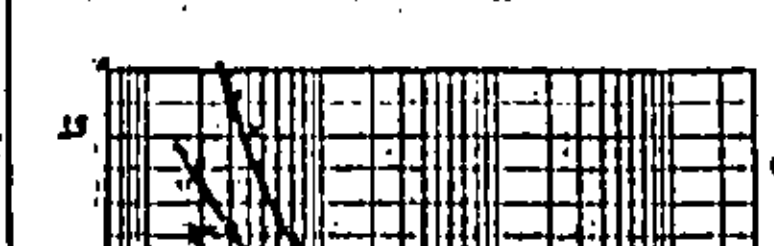


The Fig. 14 shows in kg/mm² the fatigue strength as obtained by pulsation tests of material of similar quality and section, but prepared differently. It shows:

- flat bar
- flat bar with hole
- bar with one rivet
- bar with two rivets
- bars with 4 rivets
- bars with 8 rivets
- one-side weld
- two-side weld

Fatigue Tests of Specimens of Different Thermo Treatment rolled material annealed at 925° C, then rapidly cooled annealed at 925° C, then slowly cooled overheat to 1175° C

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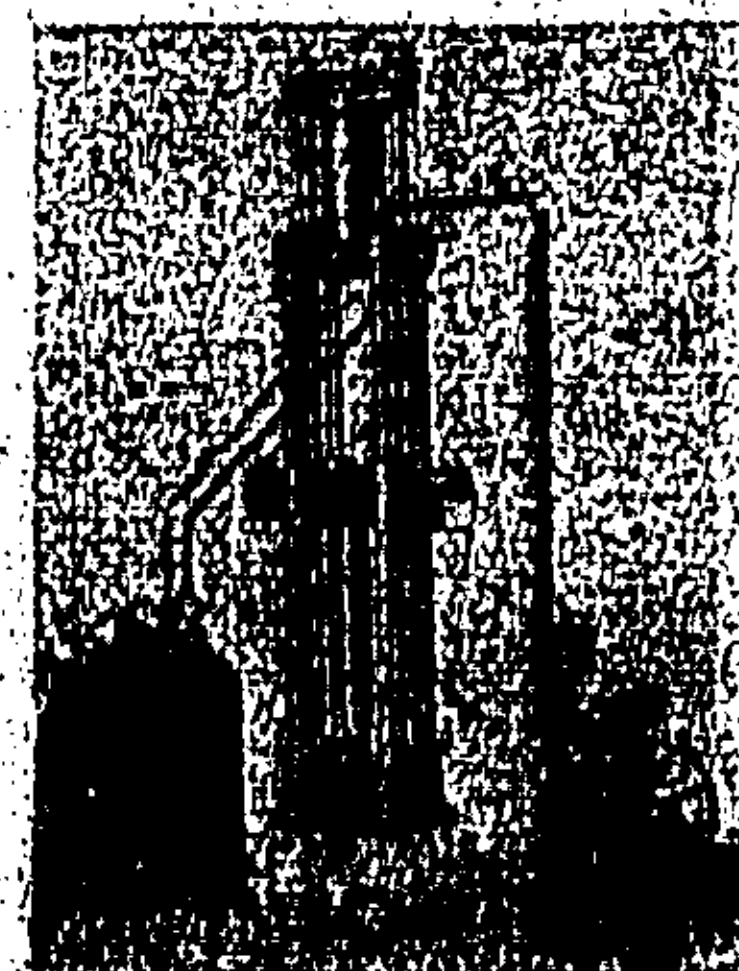
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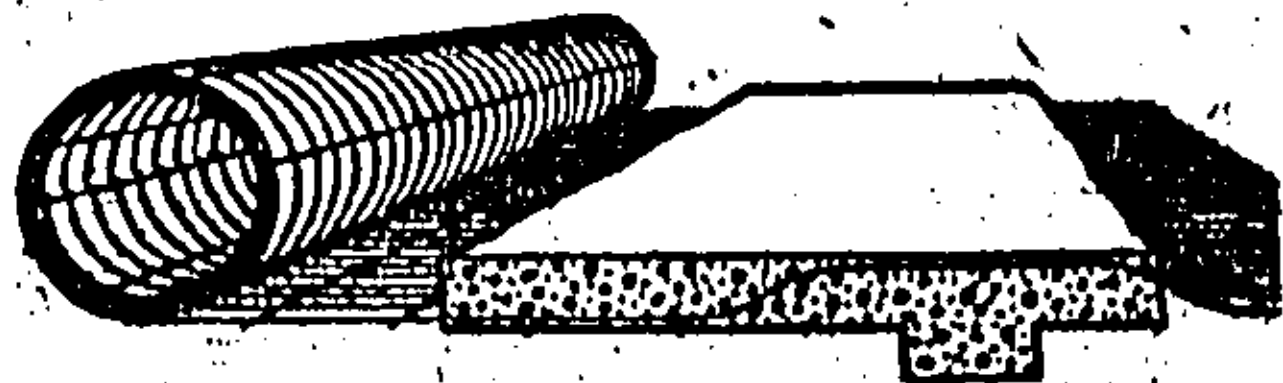
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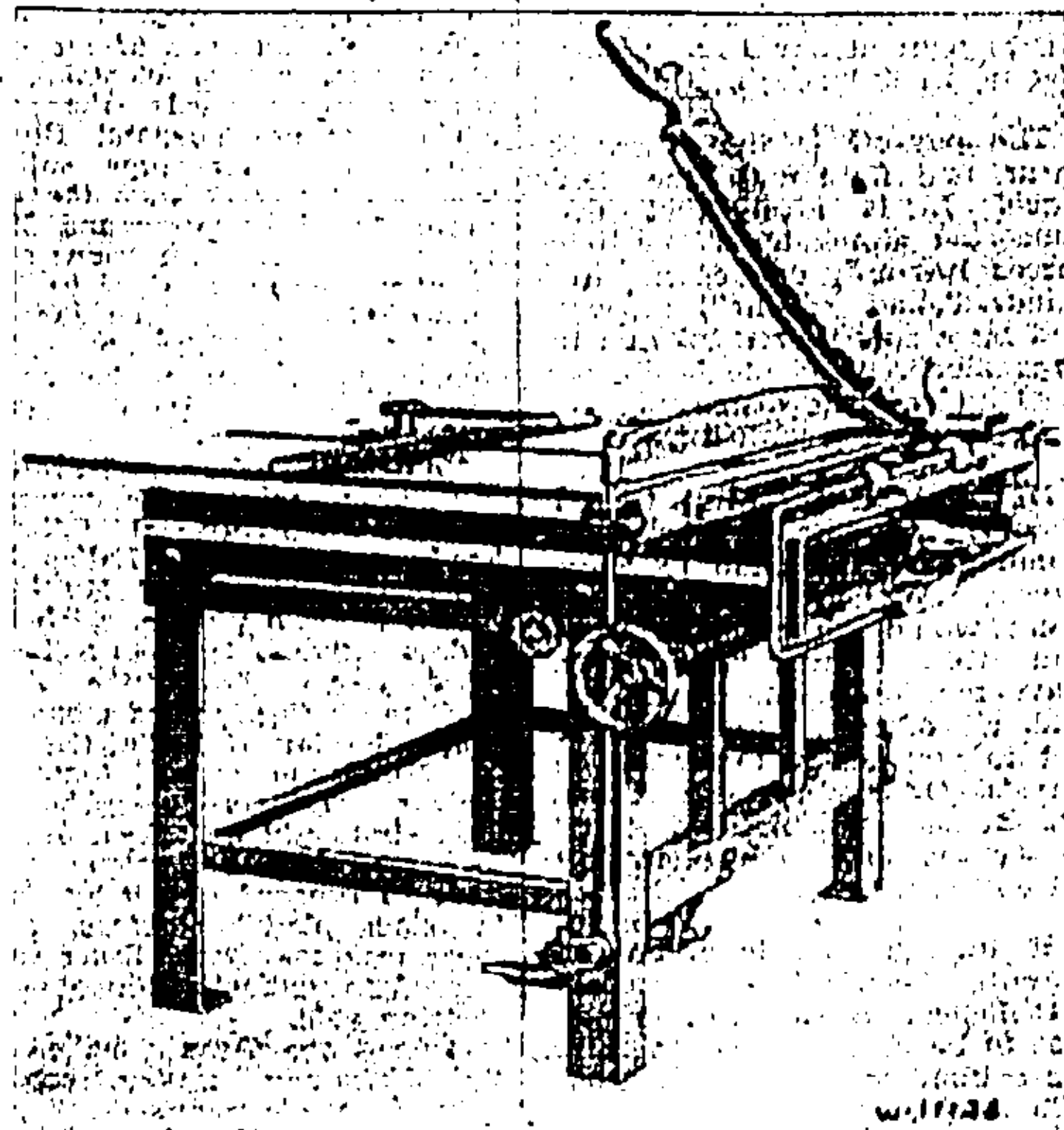
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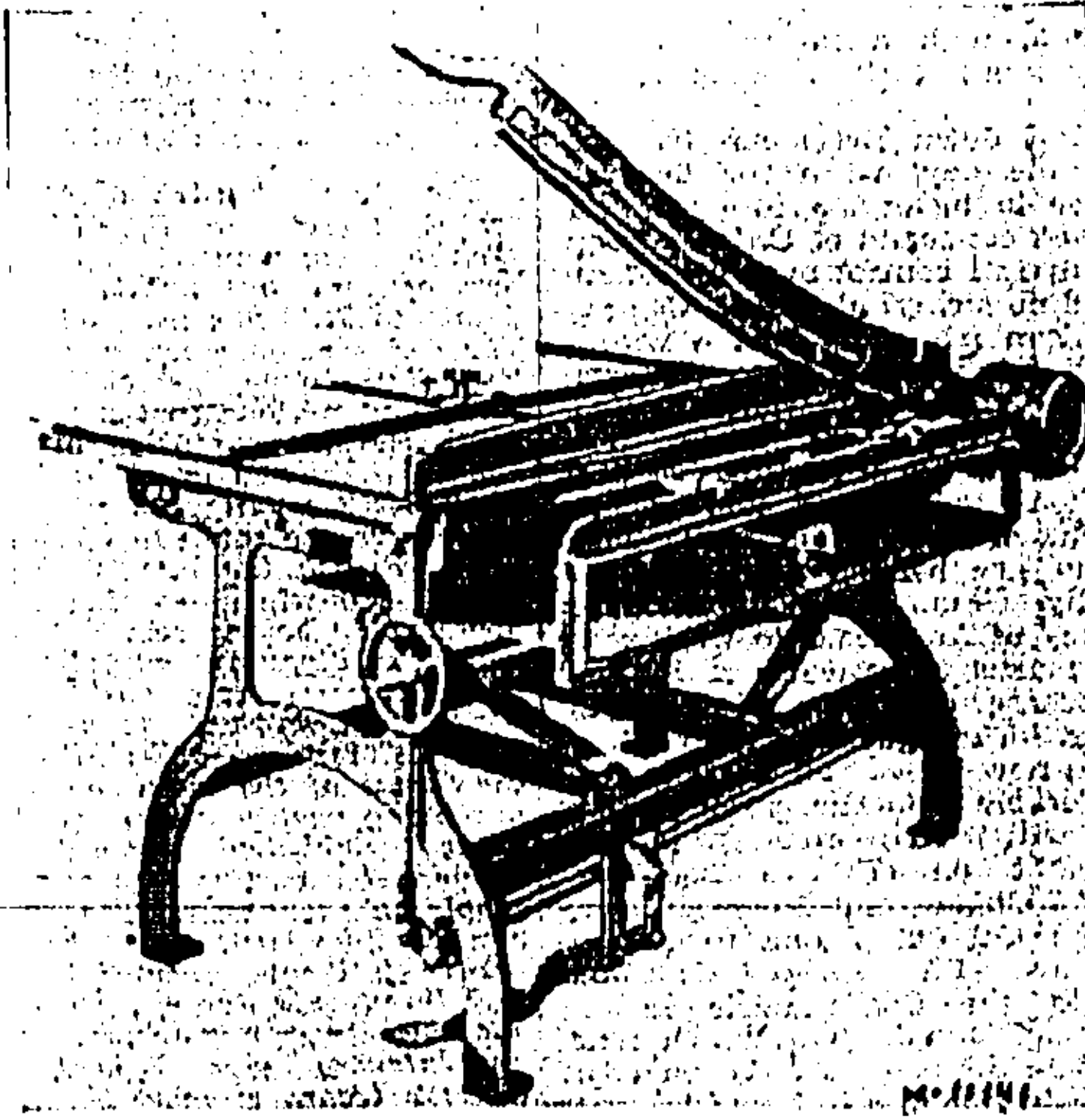
Some of the most remarkable advances in industrial progress that have been effected over a relatively short period of time in the design and fabrication of various types of machinery have gone virtually unnoticed, due to the gradual transition that has taken place. It is interesting to note however, that, although many structures appear somewhat similar, they are vastly different from the standpoint of durability, efficiency of operation and economy in manufacture.



A striking example is the evolution of a strawboard shear machine in which improved design through arc welding (see above) resulted in a machine base only one-third the weight of the original and costing sixty per cent less to produce.

On the unit of former conventional design the various members which were cast in individual pieces had to be hand fitted, drilled and bolted, all of which operations were eliminated by welded design.

With the old manufacturing method it was impossible to set up a line production system which is now utilised with the shielded arc process.



A modification of redesign on another model shear is shown in above. Here, the unit was constructed by cutting steel plate members to resemble the shapes of those used for the shear of conventional construction.

NEW PRODUCTS AND THEIR NEW PROCESSES

By MICHAEL GRANT

George Wimpey and Company, Limited, civil engineering contractors of Hammersmith, London, have successfully concluded experiments with a new lightweight concrete and have evolved a technique of pouring the shells of houses in situ with this material. The new building material, called Situmax, and the new type of construction is especially important for use in tropical and desert areas as no large aggregate is required and the material has excellent insulating properties.

"Thermacoust" is the name of another new building material,

manufactured by Thermacoust Limited, London. In boards and blocks composed of cement and wood wool. It is a sound-proof material, providing temperature insulation, the use of which has developed to such an extent that a new factory for its production has been erected at the Bentley Works, Doncaster, England. Another new building product, manufactured by the Cementation Company, the parent company of Thermacoust Limited, is "Thermogard." It is a product of steel and wood wool. Education authorities have given a very favourable reception to this new product which is likely to be extensively used in connection with planning school building programmes.

Pre-cast or poured-in concrete walls have proved so successful in Britain that local authorities have been advised that concrete is a much more traditional houses will form part of the normal housing programme.

Textile Drier

A new automatic textile drying machine, invented in Britain, puts back the wandering cloth to its proper course, while it runs through the drying stove. Electronic control is obtained with the aid of photo-electric cells. The machine has been invented by Mr. C.C. Nield, engineer to a firm of bleachers and finishers, and has been developed by the textile firm of Tootal Broadhurst Lee and Company in conjunction with Ferranti Limited. The particular problem which the machine solves is this. After the pattern has been printed on to a roll of cloth, the fabric has to be dried.

In the conventional drying machines (called stenters) the material has to be fed by hand into mechanical friction-clips, or by automatic feeders. It often happens that the cloth, while running through the machine, wanders sideways and has to be put back to its proper course either by hand or by the automatic feeder. The first alternative is slow. The conventional automatic feeder is designed with the intention of bringing back the wandering cloth automatically on to its proper course, but displacement of the machine parts that carry the fabric does not compensate exactly for displacement of the selvage, the border of the cloth so woven as to prevent crawling. In the new electronic pin-wheel feeder pin-wheels and pin-chains are substituted for the mechanical friction-clips holding down the edges of the fabric.

It is these pin-chains which carry the fabric through the drying stove. The selvage of the fabric is passing beneath a photo-electric cell which is sensitive to changes in the amount of lighting falling on it, and that varies with the way in which the selvage passes beneath the "electronic eye." The photo-electric cell instantly reacts to any changes and passes its "reactions" through an amplifier to the control motor, causing it to turn one way or the other, and as it does so, the motor turns the guiding pin-wheel which puts the wandering cloth back on to its proper course far more precisely than any conventional automatic feeder can do it. The drying fabric is thus always fed exactly a straight line.

Better Photos

A new source of continuous illumination, invented by Dr. J. N. Aldington of Siemens Brothers Limited, London, offers interesting possibilities in photography, television and cinematography. It is a gas arc in which current densities of the order of 100 amperes per square centimetre are produced between tungsten electrodes in a column of the rare gas neon. The new gas arc behaves electrically in the same way as a normal filament lamp, no device to limit the current is necessary, and can be turned on and off instantaneously with no warming-up period.

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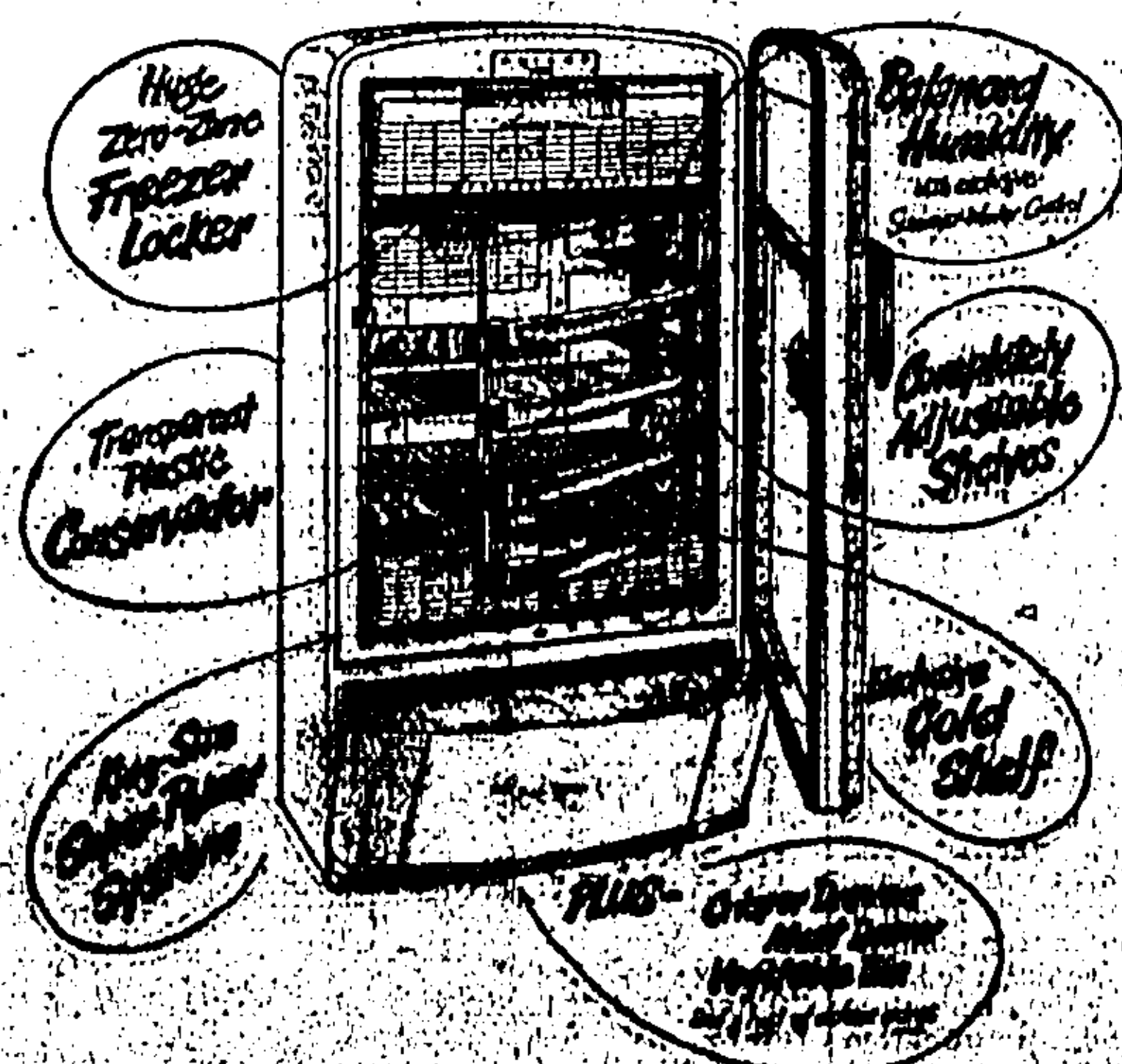
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MILITARY PACT WITH ATLANTIC COUNTRIES

Western Union Ministers In Agreement On Alliance STEPS FOR EUROPEAN UNITY

Paris, October 26.

The five Western Union Foreign Ministers meeting in Paris have agreed on the principle of a defensive pact for the North Atlantic.

They have agreed "on the next steps to be taken in this direction," it was officially announced tonight.

The five Ministers also approved "the principles governing the defence policy of the five powers."

It was decided to set up a committee of experts to study the financial and economic questions raised by the organization of the defence of Western Europe.

The Council of the Western Union also decided, the official communiqué said, to set up a five-power committee to "consider and report to the Governments on the steps to be taken towards securing a greater measure of unity between European countries."

Finally, the Foreign Ministers exchanged views on various international problems, "certain of which are now being considered in the United Nations Assembly and the Security Council," the communiqué added.

The following is the full text of the communiqué:

"The Foreign Ministers of the five signatory powers of the Brussels Treaty met in Paris on October 25 and 26, 1948, for the third regular session of the Consultative Council.

"After examining the decisions taken by the five Defence Ministers at their meeting on September 27 and 28, 1948, including the setting up of the land, sea and air command organization of the Western Union, the Council gave its approval to the principles governing the defence policy of the five powers which are based on the Brussels Treaty and on the Charter of the United Nations.

European Unity
"The Council also made a preliminary study of the question of North Atlantic security and the conversations on this subject which took place in Washington during the summer.

"This examination resulted in complete agreement in the Council on the principle of a defensive pact for the North Atlantic and on the next steps to be taken in this direction.

"The Council approved the suggestions made by the five Finance Ministers on October 17, 1948, in order to carry out these suggestions as rapidly as possible, the Council decided to set up a committee of experts to study the financial and economic questions raised by the organization of the defence of Western Europe.

"The Council next took note of the progress accomplished in the social and cultural fields, and approved the reports submitted to it.

"As regards the question of European unity, the Council decided to set up a committee of representatives chosen by the Governments of the five signatory powers of the Treaty of Brussels, consisting of five French, five United Kingdom, three Belgian, three Netherlands and two Luxembourg members.

Assembly Question
"The object of this committee, which will meet in Paris, will be to consider and to report to the Governments on the steps to be taken towards securing a greater measure of unity between European countries.

"To this end the committee will take into consideration all suggestions which have been or may be put forward by Governments or by private organisations.

"In this connection, it will examine the Franco-Belgian suggestion for the convening of a European Assembly and the British suggestion relating to the establishment of a European Council appointed by and responsible to the Governments for the purpose of dealing with matters of common concern.

"This committee will draw up a report for submission to the Consultative Council at its next meeting.

"Finally, the Foreign Ministers proceeded to a full exchange of views on various international problems, certain of which are now being considered in the United Nations Assembly and the Security Council."

Passports To Go?
The Consultative Council, in an annex to its communiqué relating to social and cultural matters, outlined the work of the various committees set up following the last meeting at The Hague in July.

It disclosed that the committee on social security and conditions of work and social policy had studied three groups of conventions of the International Labour Organisation, the question of social security, the employment of children and young

persons, and the employment of women.

The annex also stated that the five Governments have agreed to take action together with regard to the movements of persons and the flow of cultural material.

It added: "Pending the restoration of pre-war travel conditions and perhaps eventually the complete abolition of passports between the five powers, working parties are being set up to consider means of facilitating travel in the case of all those whose journeys would serve to promote the development of cultural relations between the signatory powers of the Brussels Treaty."

Working parties are also being set up to study the possibility of mitigating obstacles to the flow of books and periodicals, contemporary works of art, gramophone and wireless records and other cultural material between the five countries.

Berlin Crisis
"A meeting of experts will be called to consider how the five countries can co-operate on educational films and news reels."

The fourth and last meeting of the Consultative Council of the Western Union opened at 3 p.m.

Washington, October 26:
Diplomatic officials in Washington predicted today that the Scandinavian countries may decide to join the North Atlantic pact because of their inability to get sufficient quantities of modern weapons without belonging to such a union.

Reliable diplomatic reports here indicated that Norway and Denmark would be willing to enter the arrangement, which is likely to be completed by the middle of next year.

On the other hand they are known to be disinclined to separate themselves from Sweden, which is expressing continued determination to retain her traditional neutral status and not involve herself in any external obligations.

As a result there is every evidence that some pressure will be put on Sweden by the United States to persuade her to change her point of view.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, is known to have been studying the matter together with the United States Ambassador to Sweden, Mr. Freeman Matthews, in Paris recently.

It was also expected that the subject would be discussed when Mr. Robert Lovett, the acting Secretary of State, has his first exchange of views with the new

Bohemian, here today.

"The American argument will be that once the Western Alliance is in full swing, the Western Powers, particularly Britain and the United States, will be far too busy building and supplying arms and planes to their own and their allies' armies to be able to spare any for nations that remain outside that alliance, at least during the initial stages of the pact's development.

A harsh or biased interpretation of such a state of affairs might go far to describe it as a "diplomatic blackmail." Diplomatic quarters here are inclined rather to call it a method of showing a nation where its best interests lie.

There is no strong expectation here that any of the Scandinavian countries will be foundation members of the alliance. But there is hope that if a strong alliance is developed and its obvious advantages shown to the rest of the Western world, it will not be long before they can be logically persuaded to join.—Reuter.

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AMERICA PLEASED

Washington, October 26.
American and diplomatic officials today welcomed warmly the agreement in principle by the five signatories of the Brussels Pact to join in the North Atlantic defence pact with the United States and Canada.

They emphasized, however, that no formal alliance could be undertaken by this country pending formal Congressional action on such a proposal. They added also that the broad outlines of the projected pact must await results of the November 2 elections.

While the State Department declined official comment, the Department hinted that the next President and Congress would agree to a formal treaty of defence with the free countries of Western Europe. Such a pact, officials said, would clearly spell out the obligations of all the countries if one of their number were attacked.

American authorities believe that, following consultations with the next President, a conference among all interested governments would be held to discuss the details of the proposed defence programme before the new Congress met on January 3.

Government agencies hope to have a two-programme ready for the legislators by that time. The programme would include a formal treaty and legislation to "provide arms for the Europeans."—United Press.

The meeting of the Western Union Consultative Council ended just before 4.20 p.m. GMT.

The agreement on the principle of making a joint pact with North America—the United States and Canada—is within the framework of regional defensive pacts provided for in the United Nations Charter.

It was recognized that no decisive move could be made before the United States Presidential elections on November 2 but the Western Powers were understood to regard as of the first importance the practical measures involved in concluding any form of Atlantic Union.—Reuter.

The Prime Minister, during a debate in the House following the King's speech, was replying to a question from Mr. Winston Churchill, the Opposition leader.

There were cordial references from both sides when he reminded the House of Commons that "this was the first conference at which the Prime Ministers of the three new member states, India, Pakistan and Ceylon, were present."

The Prime Minister disclosed that the question of trade within the Commonwealth was "very fully discussed."

"I do not think there were any serious controversies but there was a feeling that we should do all we can to increase the trade of the Commonwealth," he said.

On defence and Commonwealth consultation, Mr. Attlee said: "Certain proposals were considered and have been sent back to the Governments in order that these might obtain approval."

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DEMOCRACY IN JAPAN
Tokyo, October 27.
Democracy is a way of life and relations between people, which cannot be transferred from one country to another "merely because it is labelled Democracy," a Columbia University psychiatrist said after four months study of Japanese under the occupation.

Florence Powdermaker, who has been studying Japanese mass psychology as expert with GHQ Civil Information Education Section, said she thought Japanese progress toward Democracy, considering the situation, "very great."—Associated Press.

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South Korea Revolt Barbaric Onslaught

Washington, October 27.

The South Korean revolt was a "barbaric" onslaught on police and citizens by Communist-led rebels.

They were acting under the flag of the Soviet-backed Northern Korean Government, the State Department said, quoting an official account from Seoul.

Local leaders of the so-called South Korean Labour Party, the principal communist front organisation in South Korea, were active during the rebel occupation, said the first-hand report from Suncheon relayed overnight by the American diplomatic mission at Seoul and made public by Michael J. McDermott, State Department press officer.

The report was gathered by an unidentified American officer who visited Suncheon on Sunday after the loyalists retook it.

During its three-day occupation, McDermott said, the city was under the flag of the North Korean Communist regime and the abundant supply of flags "indicated that the affair had been planned for some time."

On Thursday, the local labour party leaders "organised the populace into a huge parade on behalf of the so-called 'Peoples Republic of North Korea,'" the report said.

Murdered in Rows
The rebel occupation was "unbelievably barbaric, with police tied together and murdered in rows. Rightists, Christians and prosperous citizens

were similarly killed. "It is estimated that the rebels killed some 500 people in Suncheon alone."

The rebels apparently fled with vehicles and supplies after an attack by loyal forces on Friday. Vengeance then turned on the leftists, and some 25 were killed, but this ceased when loyal commanders ordered such killings stopped.

McDermott said no Americans had been involved in the fighting. He said all of South Korea except the disturbed zone in the extreme South "remains quiet."—Associated Press.

ALL QUIET IN FRENCH INDIA
Madras, October 26.
Mahajana Sabha—a political party—and the Socialist Party of the French India city of Mahe claimed today to be jointly in charge of affairs there through the "National Defence Council."

They said that they have been in charge of the administration since the disturbances at the end of last week, which necessitated postponement of municipal elections.

Government offices, it was added, were working normally and the police, who surrendered their arms, had resumed their duties after a ceremonial parade yesterday.

Meanwhile, the French news agency reports from Pondicherry that M. Perrier, Commissioner for Mahe, was taken to an unknown destination by members of the French Indian Congress Party immediately the French sloop Commandant Bery (830 tons) arrived at Mahe.

M. Perrier's wife and two children were taken with him, the report added.—Reuter.

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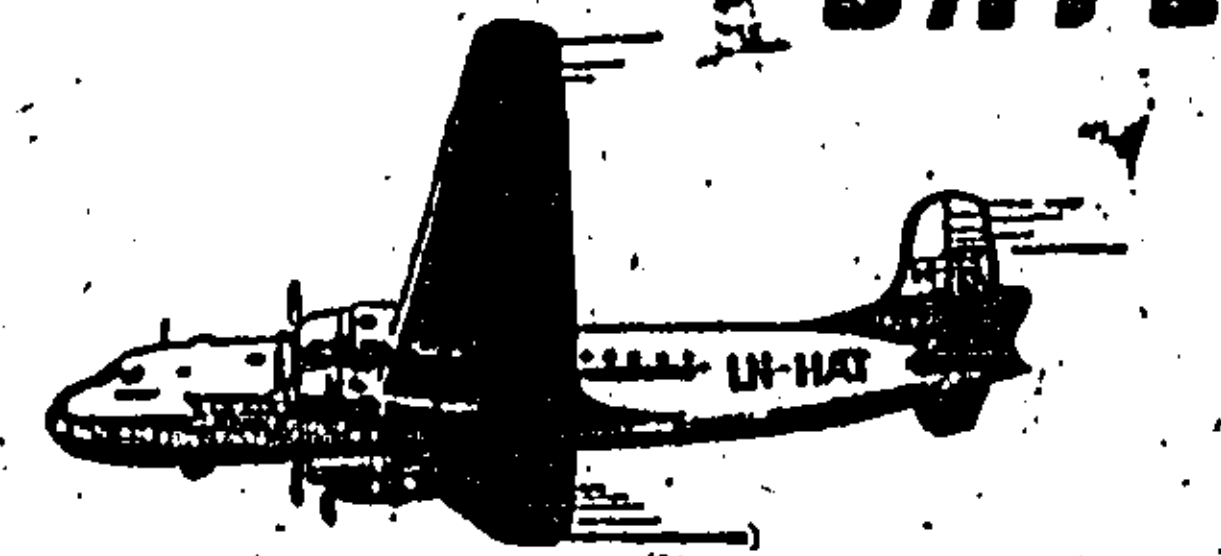
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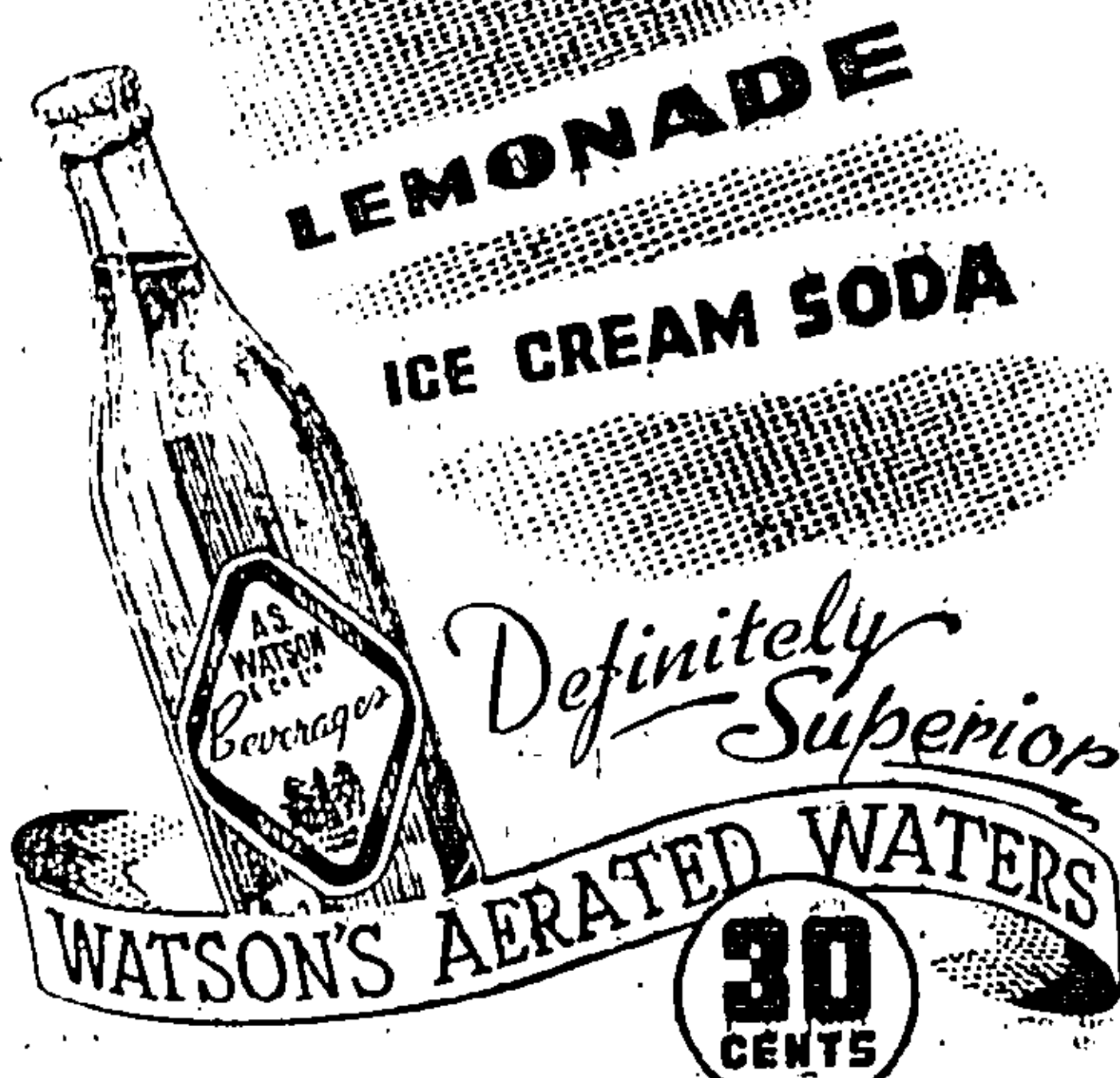
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Reinforcement Of Berlin Airlift

Washington, October 26.

The United States today drew upon its Military Air Transport Service Pacific Division for 24 naval naval air transports for the Allied airlift in Russian-blockaded Berlin.

Two entire squadrons—VR 6 and 8—of four-engined C-54s were ordered to leave for Germany as soon as possible, staffed by triple crews.

Officials refused to say exactly from which Pacific points the planes would be drawn. However, the Pacific Division services Hawaii, Guam, Saipan and Japan. Officials also refused to comment on how the transfer would affect the Pacific Division Air Transport Service, but it was believed here the transfer would cause some curtailment.

The 24 Navy planes are the first instalment of the additional 66 planes requested by General Lucius Clay, American commander in Germany, and authorized by President Truman.

The increase in the airlift came on the heels of Russia's veto of the proposal in the United Nations Security Council for ending the land blockade of the German capital.

The United States airlift, with current strength of about 200 C-54s, is delivering an average of 4,000-4,500 tons of food and fuel daily. British planes deliver another 1,000 tons.

U.S. officials estimated that American tonnage could be nearly doubled by December through the assignment of additional planes and completion of the new Tegel airfield in Berlin, which will make possible more flights per plane per day.

The Navy previously had been supporting the airlift indirectly. Navy planes took over many military transport routes of the Military Air Transport Service.

Under The Army

A Defence Department spokesman said orders had been issued effecting the transfer of Navy squadrons VR 6 and 8 to Germany from the Pacific Division of MATS. The Pacific Division flies transport routes through the Pacific Ocean area.

The spokesman said triple Navy crews would accompany the planes to Germany and they would take off for Germany as soon as possible. The Navy squadrons will be under the overall command of Major-General William Tunner, Air Force officer aiding the joint Anglo-American operation.

No official explanation was given for the decision to call Navy planes directly into the airlift. It was believed, however, that the decision was prompted by two facts: criticism from Navy quarters of relegation of naval planes to a strictly supporting role and the Air Force having to "scrape the barrel" for further transports. —United Press.

Cowboys Were Too Rowdy

Geneva, October 26.

Thirty-three cowboys and cowgirls of an American rodeo show set on their kettles in the rain in the frontier village of Mollensauz tonight after being conducted to the frontier for expulsion into France.

The troupe were turned out of Switzerland because of a fight during a performance of their show two nights ago when a member of the audience claimed a 1,000-franc prize for riding the bucking bronco "Income Tax". One of the troupe argued that the claimant had ridden a different horse.

Fighting broke out between the cowboys and the audience and the police joined in. Two policemen and a cowboy were hurt. —Reuter.

THE ATOM BOMB

"Most Terrible Decision In The History Of The World"

Toledo, Ohio, October 27.

President Harry Truman yesterday detailed events that led up to his decision to use the atomic bomb on Japan.

Seeking re-election, Mr. Truman said in a campaign speech that he did not favour peace at any price, but at the same time did not believe that "because peace is difficult, war is inevitable."

RAF Shortage Of Recruits

London, October 26.

Marshall of the Royal Air Force Lord Dunsford, acting as a spokesman for the King in the House of Lords this afternoon, referred to the poor RAF recruiting figures and said that unless urgent steps were taken to improve them it looked as if before long the Royal Air Force would be "down on its feet".

He urged that rates of pay and marriage allowances in the Services be studied with a view to some appreciable increase. —Reuter.

Emergency In Peru

Lima, October 26.

The Peruvian Government today declared a "state of national emergency" and assumed extraordinary powers to "show its intent of upholding public order and social peace."

It was officially stated that the Government took this step because leading elements of the left wing party APRA (Allanza Popular Revolucionaria Americana) were continuing a campaign after the party had been outlawed on October 4 for leading the naval revolt at Callao the previous day.

The revolt was suppressed by loyal troops after 12 hours of fighting.

Today's statement added that elements of the party were being arrested without the forces of law and order having to use violence. —Reuter.

PLANS FOR PACIFIC DEFENCE

Sydney, October 27.

In Australia a significant section of Anglo-American global defence planning appears to be well ahead of schedule.

It is certainly ahead of that section which began last week when the London Commonwealth Conference decided that the "Commonwealth must re-arm to meet the threat of war."

The Australian section of the plan covers the South West Pacific, extending from Australia into South East Asia. And if the commencement date of this Australian-based activity can be pinpointed, it might be set as mid-August when unpublished moves commenced in the Pacific to restore the British Pacific Fleet to former strength.

But while these Australian developments tie with the Fleet restoration policy, the fact remains that the Australian Government has been considering Pacific defence since V-J Day. —Reuter.

Transport Paralysed In New York

New York, October 27.

Congress of Industrial Organizations' transport workers went on strike against seven bus lines yesterday.

They are causing the biggest surface transport tie-up in the city's history, and service remained virtually at a standstill last night despite a back to work order.

Mayor William O'Dwyer blamed Communist forces for failure to heed the back to work movement.

The seven lines serve some 3,500,000 riders.

Michael Quill, President of the Transport Workers' Union, gave the order to a mass demonstration of workers outside the Public Service Commission's headquarters.

The strike involved 8,500 members of the Transport Union, belonging to seven private operated companies, who were protesting against a wages dispute. —Associated Press and Reuter.

No Decision On 'British'

Canberra, October 27.

No decision has yet been made to drop the word "British" from the title of the British Commonwealth, J. E. Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, said in the House of Representatives yesterday.

Replying to Howard Beale, (Liberal, New South Wales), Mr. Chifley said that the London conference of Prime Ministers had no power to make decisions. Any decision would have to be made by the governments which sent delegates to the conference.

Mr. Beale had asked whether the House would be permitted to discuss the reported decision to change the title. —Associated Press.

He added: "For peace, I took it upon myself to make one of the most terrible decisions that any man in the history of the world had to make."

"Near the close of the Japanese war, I had to order the dropping of the atomic bomb. That was the most terrible decision that any man in the history of the world had to make."

"I studied that question with everything I had. I called in the most able men that I could get who would give me advice."

Life-Saving

"I talked to the Secretary of War, I talked to the Chief of Staff of the Army, I talked to the Secretary of War, who at that time was Mr. Stimson. I talked to the Secretary of the Navy, who at that time was Mr. Forrestal. I talked to General Marshall. I talked to Admiral King and Admiral Leahy, and discussed the proposition."

"And the judgment of all those able and distinguished men was that it would be a life-saving proposition to bring the war to a close as quickly as possible, and that we might find it necessary to wipe out a couple of Japanese cities devoted entirely to munitions manufacture."

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"Right then and there I made up my mind that that must never happen again if it could conceivably be avoided." —Associated Press.

General Cleared Of Misconduct

Washington, October 26.

The Infantry Journal today said that a secret Army report had cleared Major-General Ralph Smith of charges of misconduct in the Second World War battle of Saipan.

The Journal, an unofficial service publication, revived the wartime "Smith versus Smith" controversy in an article by Edmund Love, Army General Staff historian.

Stating frankly it was presenting the "Army side" of the dispute, the Journal said it had held up publication of the article for one year to avoid damage to armed forces unification. It added that it decided to publish when it learned that the Marine Corps' Lieutenant-General Holland M. (Howling Mad) Smith was going to discuss the subject in his soon-to-be-published memoirs.

The "Battle of the Smiths"—who were not related—came into the open when Marine Smith relieved Army Smith of command of the Army's 23rd Division during the battle of Saipan in June 1944. Love said the "unfortunate" publicly the case had aroused caused a furor out of all proportions to the facts, virtually demolished the 27th Division and caused General George Marshall, then Army Chief of Staff, to forbid further discussion of the matter.

"Won't Fight"

Despite other reports at the time and since, the Army historian said, the only real question was whether the 27th Division was aggressive enough in battle. He said the Marines' Smith asserted: "The 27th Division won't fight and Ralph Smith will not make them fight."

General Holland Smith formally charged his Army namesake with ordering Unit 27 to hold instead of attacking and with leaving orders to the 105th Infantry Regiment after it had been taken from his jurisdiction, according to Love. Love said General Ralph Smith's reply was that he had ordered the unit to hold until it had time to "reorganize its lines" and then attack. And that he had not been informed that the 105th Infantry had been removed from his command.

The Army historian wound up the "Army case" by quoting an unnamed Army General as having said: "Holland Smith's intelligence information was 'objectively non-existent'." He also reported that several Army generals on Saipan had said that "under no circumstances would they serve under Holland Smith again." —United Press.

Bomb Scare At Cable, Wireless

Haiti, October 27.

Bomb scares on Tuesday twice interrupted operations at the Haiti branch of Cable and Wireless.

Suspicion had been aroused that bombs had been placed in the old Haiti Post Office Building. Police and troops conducted a thorough search of the five-story building. Nothing was found. The second scare followed an anonymous telephone call to the Cable and Wireless office warning that the building should be evacuated immediately. Work was resumed after half an hour when nothing outwardly suspicious was observed. —Associated Press (UPI).

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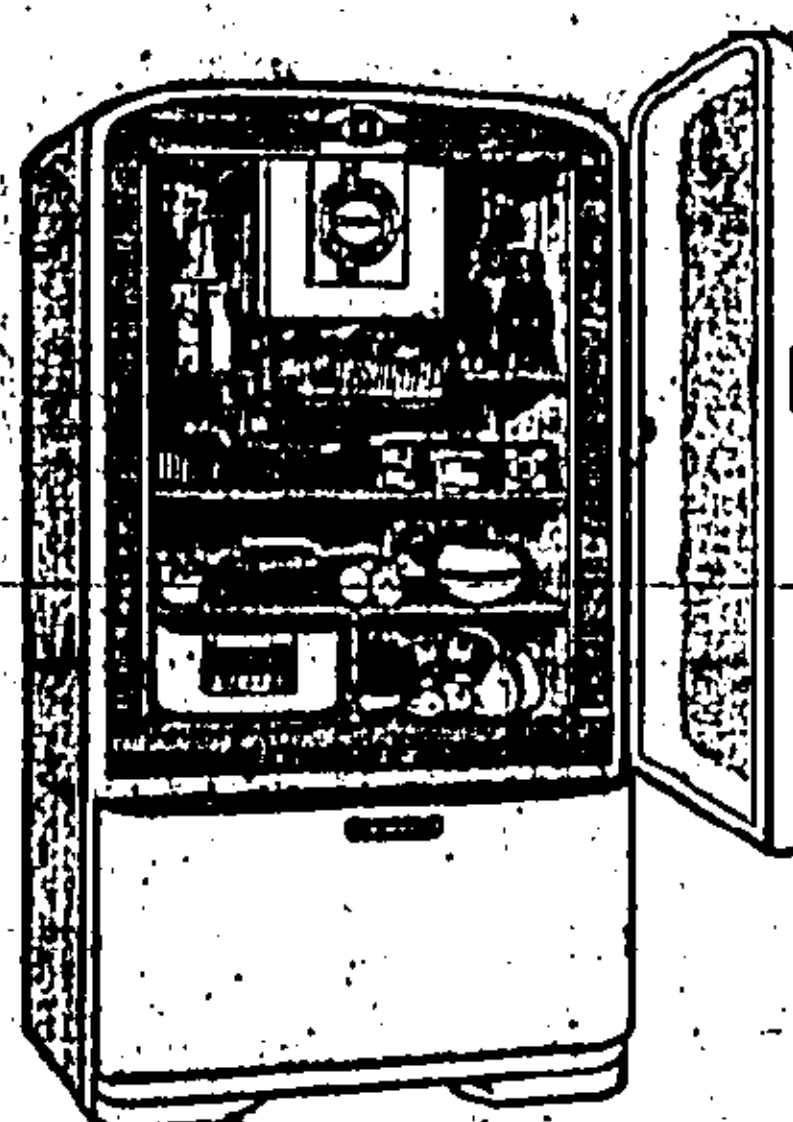
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French Violence:

TROOPS HURL TANKS AGAINST STRIKERS

Paris, October 26.

Troops and police hurled tanks and artillery against striking miners' barricades at the Rochebelle coal pit, outside Ales, Southern France.

There was a battle of guns and grenades in which one worker was killed.

According to the Ministry of the Interior, several persons on both sides were wounded while 400 people, including many foreigners, had been arrested.

Dockers at Marseilles, 80 miles to the South—the second greatest city of France—came out immediately they heard of the clash and assembled in a nearby open space, where they stopped trolley bus services.

Tramway and bus drivers also struck and metal workers downed tools in factories near the port, though the city was said to be calm.

The Ministry of the Interior said tonight that the troops had cleared all four pits and the power station at Rochebelle.

The newspaper, Le Monde, said a tank firing a 25-millimeter gun forced a breach in a barricade raised by the strikers and then plunged through under a shower of bricks and iron bolts flung by the miners.

A Ministry spokesman said two soldiers were seriously injured, one by bullets and one by a small mine.

The correspondent of Le Monde said the overwhelming superiority of the troops forced the strikers to abandon their strongholds. He described the troops' formations as consisting of "tanks, sappers, artillery, infantry, Republican security guards and Mobile Guards."

The French press agency said that four strikers and four police officers were wounded. The local authorities at Ales have imposed a news blackout, preventing complete details being gathered in Paris.

The shooting broke out when French troops, clearing strikers from the Rochebelle pit in the Southern French Department of Gard, sought to force a number of barricades which had been put up by the strikers on the national highway, the French press agency reported here today quoting "official sources."

The strikers, it was alleged, threw grenades at the occupying troops and exploded several mines near the pit. One regular Army officer was wounded in the shooting and several workers were hit. One of them was in a serious condition, the agency added.

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Shanghai PP's Going Home

Shanghai, October 27. Fifty-two European refugees and displaced persons are leaving Shanghai today on the French liner, Andre Lebou, for their pre-war homes in Europe and South America.

More than half of the group are headed for Austria, two for Poland, two for Germany and one for Italy.

Eighteen others are re-settling in Argentina and two in Dominica.—Reuter.

Lists covering the Ales incidents were kept some distance away from the fighting but were able to see the tanks crashing through the barriers.

Dockers' Strike? The Secretary General of the Miners' Federation for the Gard Department said tonight that 270 dockers had been arrested.

M. Henri Queuille, the French Premier, today received M. Louis Joubert, leader of the non-Communist Force Ouvriere Trade Union Federation and later a delegation of the French Employers' Federation led by M. Pierre Ricard. No information was officially available about the talks, but well informed political observers thought it possible that M. Queuille was drawing up a plan for a three-cornered agreement between the Government, the trade union and the employers for a national settlement on wages and prices.

M. Christian Pineau, Minister of Public Works and Transportation, today described the conditions in which he alleged that the French railway workers would be asked to launch a strike.

The Communist-led General Confederation of Labour is conducting a strike ballot. Drawing a parallel with the situation in the strike-bound coalfields, M. Pineau said in a radio speech: "After having involved you in a strike, the French section of the Comintern would, without doubt, ask you to commit sabotage. As in the mines, you would not have the right to ensure safety measures and you would bear the responsibility for serious accidents to innocent travellers."

The Executive Committee of the Central French Dockers Trade Union Organisation tonight strongly recommended all member unions to follow the example of the dockers in Northern French ports who refused to handle incoming coal.

Two Italian businessmen, Michele Vitre and Sergio Favosi, were killed in an air crash today. Their tourist plane crashed in the Alpine foothills near Casale Monferrato.—Reuter.

cargoes in sympathy with striking miners. Marseilles dockers stopped work this afternoon after the refusal to handle imported coal by dockers in Calais, Boulogne and La Rochelle yesterday.

The National Dockers Union urged dockers all over France to do likewise.—Reuter.

Britain Gets ERP Loan From USA

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The Economic Co-operation Administration said that "the United Kingdom will use the loan primarily to finance the purchase of industrial machinery and equipment and industrial raw materials."

The aim of \$310,000,000 represents the amount of E.C.A. loan funds which is to be made available to Britain in the first nine months of the programme.

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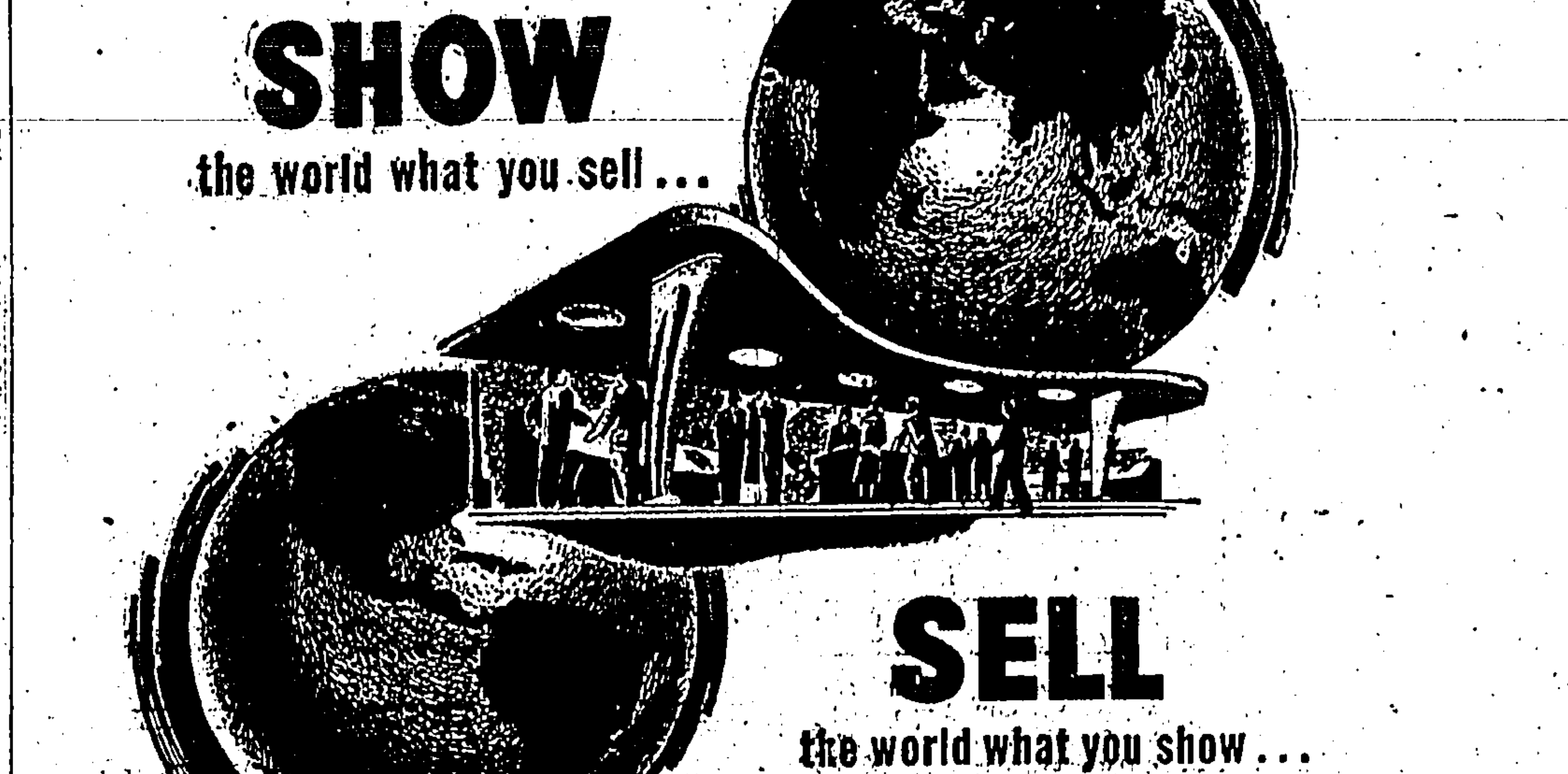
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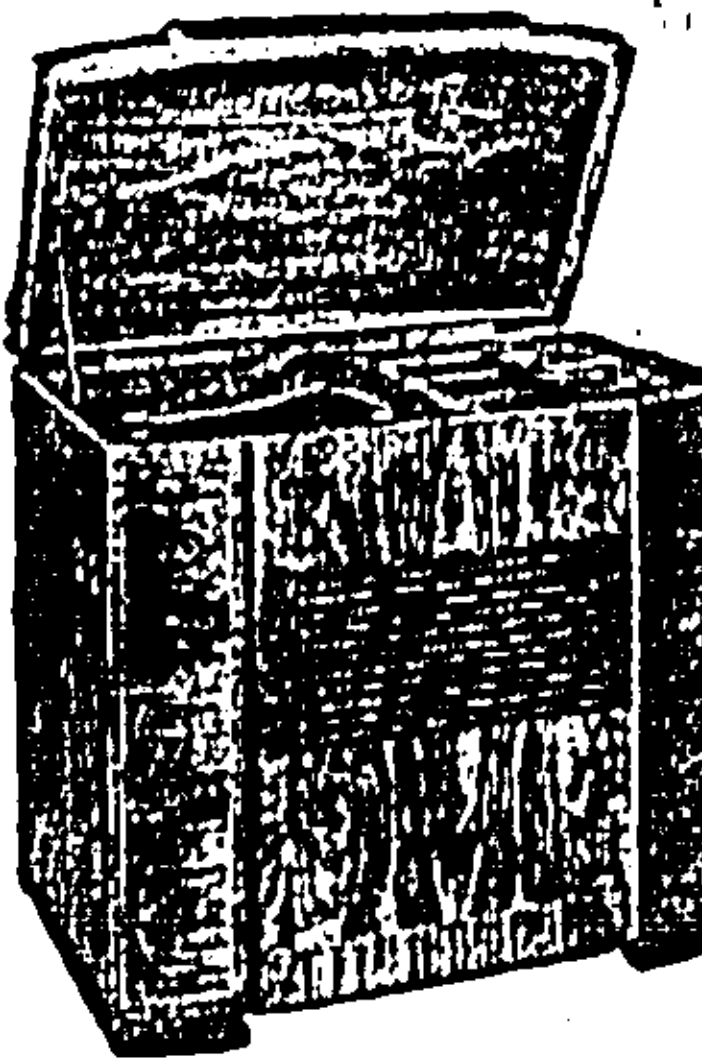
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Scotland Yard has not completed identification of the victim.

The body landed on the pavement outside the Piccadilly offices of Cable and Wireless. An office employee said the victim was "badly banged up" and "roughly" dressed.

He added that the man narrowly missed a woman on the crowded thoroughfare.

"She was very calm about it," he said. "She immediately took off her necktie to cover the body and walked into our office to phone the police."

It was reported that the man jumped from the fourth floor of the Piccadilly Hotel, but hotel officials refused to supply any information.

An eye-witness said he thought the victim was a workman because the body was so roughly clothed. He noted, however, that the man wore bedroom slippers.

He said the police arrived within five minutes and took the body away.

BITTER CAMPAIGN IN US ELECTION

Washington, October 26. Charges and counter-charges grow more bitter and vituperative as the last week of the Presidential campaign for next Tuesday's election opened today.

Tonight, the Republican candidate, Governor Thomas Dewey, is expected to charge President Truman with having endangered American unity.

The view that the future development of Australia lies more in America at the moment than in the United Kingdom was expressed here yesterday.

Senator John Armstrong, Australia's Minister of Supply and Development, who is Minister in charge of the Royal tour to Australia next year, told the Australian American Association.

"There is something in the American that is characteristic of what we need to develop this country. It is something, unfortunately, that you do not see in the Englishman who is characteristically European."

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Sudden Return Of Dr. Wang

London, October 26. Dr. Wang Shih-chieh, Chinese Foreign Minister, will leave London by air on Friday, because, diplomatic quarters here believe, of the recent grave deterioration in the military position of the Chinese Government.

He had hoped to stay in Paris, where he has been attending the General Assembly of the United Nations, until the debate on Korea had been concluded.

Dr. Wang will travel to London on Thursday and expects to meet Mr. Ernest Bevin and other Cabinet Ministers at lunch at the Chinese Embassy.—Reuter.

Almost Fear

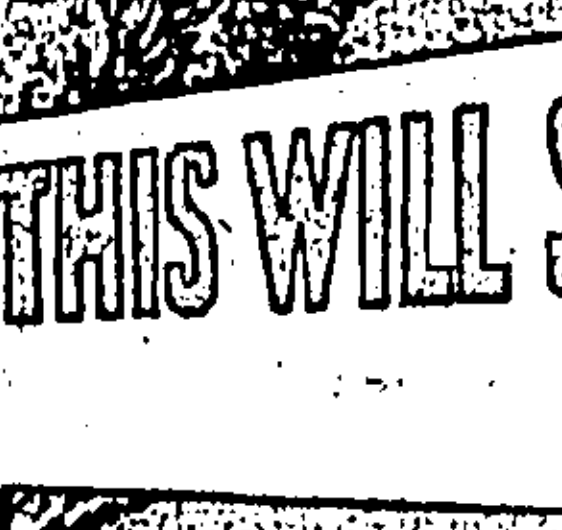
"We should curb our national tendency to be in awe of the Russians—an awe amounting almost to fear. If our people will take time to analyse what Russia does and does not possess militarily, Americans will be greatly heartened."

RAI COURSE IN WILTSHIRE

Old Sarum, October 27. British (and American) war planes demonstrated the latest air support techniques for senior British land, sea and air officers here yesterday.

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GENERAL THINKS

Russians Won't Fight If Bluff Is Called

Sonoma, California, October 26. Russia is attempting a gigantic bluff against the United States and the Western Allies. She is "not ready to fight, does not want to fight and will not fight" if the bluff is called, General H.H. Arnold, former head of the U.S. Army air forces, told the United Press.

General Arnold said: "The only American in the post-war world to tell the Russians where to get off and make them like it is General Douglas MacArthur in Tokyo."

Asked what positive steps the Western Allies might take in the present situation, General Arnold said: "We might take a motor convoy and push it through the corridor to Berlin. Perhaps, we might learn something from (the late General) George Patton's technique. If Patton were running he show he would take it through."

Asked what the Russians would do if an armed Allied convoy did push through to Berlin, General Arnold replied: "Not much, if anything."

He said: "We need today the same courage of conviction we had when we marched into Berlin. It would be a grave basic error to let the Communists bluff us out in the present deadlock in Germany. They are not ready to fight and do not want to fight."

Time Against US

"Time pays with the Russians. We have superior power now. They may have it later. Meantime it would be folly to let them bridge the gap by bluff alone. Hitler pulled that stuff 10 years ago."

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BRITAIN'S DEFENCE MEASURES

London, October 26.

In the House of Commons tonight, Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, said that the Government was reviewing the whole question of national service as to how best to make use of the manpower of the nation to build up the Services.

He added: "This is a matter in which we have to consider that we have to get adequate defence forces and that we must not use our defence forces to cripple our industrial recovery."

Regarding civil defence, Mr. Attlee said that the Government proposal did not mean that they intended, in the event of war, to adopt a passive attitude or to expend in peace time vast efforts in building up shelters and other protective measures.

Cantonese Cafes Up Against It

Canton, October 26. More than 200 restaurants, tea houses and confectionery shops are facing closure here because of inability to get the ingredients necessary for making food, according to Chinese reports.

The shops which make and sell food require such commodities as flour, sugar, edible oil, salt, pork, beef, fish, chicken and ducks. There can now be bought for the most part only at black-market prices, since most suppliers are not willing to sell at the official prices.

The shops and restaurants, however, must sell at the official prices, compared to the black-market prices which in recent weeks have doubled and sometimes tripled.

The shop keepers and restaurateurs sent a delegation to call on Mayor Auyang Chu, to lay their case before him and request some relief. They request to solve that problem but told them they must carry on for the time being as best they can at the official prices.—United Press.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

JAPAN A BETTER BET FOR US HELP THAN WESTERN EUROPE?

Washington, October 27.

The Washington Times Herald says it has been persuaded that Japan at this time would be a better bet for a Marshall Plan and a rearmament programme than is Western Europe. The newspaper called attention in an editorial to recent remarks of Lieutenant General Robert L. Eichelberger, former commander of the Eighth Army occupation forces in Japan. He said that the US disarmed Japan too quickly and too thoroughly, that Russia is making inroads in North East Asia and might take over Japan.

London Stock Exchange

London, October 28. International political developments have created a note of hesitation, prices in most sections today showed small declines with interest evaporating as the direct result of the Russian veto at the Security Council meeting on the Berlin dispute.

The turn over in gilt-edged stocks, however, was considerable but prices were slightly easier in the day. The new £100,000,000 Electricity loan had 2/10 at 2/10 premium. Amalgamated, iron and steel and road transport shares were of favour and declined a few pence. Tobacco, textile and breweries remained steady. Elsewhere, Cable and Wireless ordinary fell to 212 on profit-taking on the recent rise. Oil also suffered from profit-taking, generally were easier. Anglo-Iranian, however, were firm at 3/4 following the maintained interim dividend of five per cent. News of good developments in the Free State area stimulated certain of the South African mines. Middle East and Free State issues were sharply advanced, but advanced despite hints of profit-taking. Oil shares, however, were occasionally irregular.

RECURTIES:
British Consols, 2 1/2% 78-15/16
Conversion Loan, 5 1/2% 105 1/2
Funding Loan, 4 1/2% 102-10/16
War Loan, 5 1/2% 102-10/16
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Imperial Tobacco Co. 4 1/2% 116 1/2

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British American Tobacco (of G.I. & Ireland) 5 1/2% 47 1/2
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Assam Consolidated Tea 21/9
Assam Frontier Tea 21/9
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Imperial Tea Company 21/9

MINE SHARES:
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Sterope Wins At Newmarket

Newmarket, October 27.
Sterope won the Cambridge Handicap here today with Royal Tara second.

There was a dead heat for third place between Patchouly and Impeccable. Sterope won by half a length. There were 32 runners.

Betting was 25 to 1 Sterope, 100 to 8 Royal Tara, 40 to 1 Patchouly and 100 to 8 Impeccable. There was an objection to the winner but the Stewards over-ruled the objection.—Reuter.

CRC, LRC Tennis Results

Results of yesterday's Hard Court Tennis matches played at the Chinese Recreation Club: OPEN DOUBLES: 1. Yan-ching and Wang Shou-ling beat G.A. Sornah and R.A. Marquis 6-1, 6-1. 2. Chou Tien-fu and Chou Tien-shan beat N. Ma and T. Hsiao-ming 6-1, 6-1. 3. Baker and Partner beat Lee Kwai-kong and Wong Chuen-ming 6-4, 7-5. OPEN SINGLES: 1. Yan-ching beat Chou Tien-fu 6-3, 7-5. 2. Yan-ching beat Chou Tien-shan 6-2, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAMES
OPEN SINGLES: No. 1 Court: Lee Kwai-kong v. N. Ma. No. 2 Court: Yan-ching v. Chou Tien-fu. No. 3 Court: Wong Shou-ling v. P. Poon. No. 4 Court: J.D. Macle v. Wong Shou-ling. No. 5 Court: Turner Cook v. Ip Ching-ling.

LRC Results

The following are the results of tennis matches played at the Ladies' Recreation Club yesterday:

CLUB SINGLES (MEN)
Mr. R. Borden beat Mr. M. Brown 6-1, 6-3.
OPEN SINGLES (LADIES)
Mrs. Stronach beat Mrs. Linton 6-2, 7-5.
OPEN DOUBLES (LADIES)
Mrs. J.E. Hunter and Mrs. Campbell beat Mrs. M. Marshall and Mrs. Cheltenham 6-1, 6-1.
CLUB MIXED DOUBLES
Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Frost beat Mr. J. Kingston and Mrs. J.C. Milford 6-1, 6-1.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES
Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Frost v. Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Macle. 8.15 p.m.
MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES
Mr. G.D. Moy v. Mr. R.D. Marshall. 6.15 p.m.

DANCE POSTPONED

The Hong Kong Cricket Club Dance, arranged for Saturday, has been postponed to November 20. All tickets issued for October 30 will be valid for November 20.

(By 'ALCYDES')
The soccer situation at the top of the four English League is very interesting and three of the leading teams hold their crown only by virtue of their superior goal average.

Portsmouth and Derby have each gained 22 points, but the former's goal average stands them in good stead and should they both win on Saturday then the position remains the same, unless Derby can win by a colossal score.

Rotherham too are stuck on top and enjoy a lead of three points over Hull City's 22. The latter have one game in hand (they have played 13 games).

In the other two Divisions the situation is very fluid. West Bromwich Albion, leading Division Two, lead on goal average by the very small fraction of one goal. Their average of 23 goals for and 19 conceded, is just better than Spurs, who have scored and conceded two more.

The leadership here can change quickly. Swansea in Division Three (South) are in the same position as Portsmouth. Swansea's 34 for and nine against compares very favourably with the 24 and 19 of Bournemouth. Derby, now the only club that has not tasted defeat are going to be severely tested on Saturday when they visit Birmingham. Of the six teams to visit St. Andrews this year only Liverpool have got two points, when they scored the only goal of the match. In the last game Derby played at Birmingham they suffered a 0-3 defeat. That was in 1938 the season of the latter's relegation.

Important Game
Portsmouth, after last week's reverse, which was not altogether unexpected, receive Bolton and in the corresponding post-war matches the Lancashire team have failed to score and the Southerners have taken four points.

Seeing also that only one goal has been scored at Fratton Park this season, Bolton can have but bleak prospects, although one never knows. After all, last season Pompey had a winning run and then fell away badly. Saturday's game will have an important bearing on the Royal Blues' future.

The match of the week seems to be the Charlton-Sunderland clash at the Valley. The former scored two goals, taking four points in last season's games. Here I think the accent is on the London side.

In the Second Division West Bromwich are home to Cardiff and I fully expect the points to remain at the Hawthorns. Southampton are due at Griffin Park but Brentford are a problem team and the Saints will have to display good football form if they are to come off best.

Bury can also enter the perspective with a home win over Queen's Park Rangers, who, although off to a good start are finding the Second Division path very difficult. Plymouth and Lincoln, 21st and 22nd in the table respectively, have it out up North.

Both Swansea and Bournemouth are at home this week-end at Exeter and Port Vale respectively. It looks as though the situation at the top of the Third League South will remain the same. Brighton next in line are five

Kamala Circus Back In Town

The Kamala Circus is back in town and is due to start performances tomorrow.

The Circus which left Hong Kong more than a month ago for Macao, returned by the ss. Kwong-tung yesterday.

At Macao it performed for one month and was idle for 21 days because the necessary licence was not obtainable.

During its stay at Macao, the Circus was blown down by gales. The circus suffered in the Fort St. John's were said to be HK\$50,000.

There was no loss in animals except one leopard cub, bought in Hong Kong for HK\$500.

The Circus will perform at Causeway Bay.

DEWALI FESTIVAL TO BE MARKED

Hong Kong's Hindu community will commemorate the Dewali Festival on Sunday with a prayer meeting at the Sikh Temple, Gap Road, at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Hindu New Year Day will be celebrated with a dinner party at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 4 p.m.

After the prayer meeting on Sunday at the Sikh Temple, toys and sweets will be distributed to children. The Temple will be brightly illuminated.

Hindu shops and offices will be decorated and the National Flag displayed.

THE ONLY ONE

Canberra, October 27.
Australia, implementing measures to bear a great physical and financial share of the Empire's defence burden, is probably the only Dominion to carry out fully the decision of the 1946 British Empire conference, J.B. Chifley, the Prime Minister, told Parliament yesterday.—Associated Press.

Wayman Impresses For Southampton

London, October 26.
Charlie Wayman, former Newcastle United sharp-shooter and one of football's midge forwards, had one ambition when he turned out for Southampton against Leicester on Saturday—to score the goal that would bring his League total to 100.

He was in such irresistible form that he not only created a new Football League record for Southampton.

The previous best individual scoring feat for Southampton in peacetime matches were four goals each by Haines (against Blackpool in 1928), Rowley (against Bradford City in 1929), and Rawlings (against Millwall in 1929).

Wayman, who stands only five feet six inches and takes also six and a half stone, joined Southampton in October—last year from Newcastle at a fee believed to be in the region of £10,000.

FE Commissioner



Admiral Giles C. Stedman (centre), Far East Baseball Commissioner and Vice-President of the United States. He is expected shortly in Hong Kong. On his right is Lou Perini, President of the Boston Braves, and on his left is Ford Frick, President of the National League.

Pirates-Wildcats Game Postponed; Junior Match On

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The following are the week-end fixtures. Players and umpires are requested to note that times have been advanced half an hour for Sunday's games so that the schedule may be completed before darkness sets in.

The Pirates, originally due to tangle with Wildcats on Saturday, have been granted a postponement of their game. A Junior League tilt between Vikings and Rangers has been substituted.

Senior League

Sunday—Recreo Football Ground—10.30 a.m. Recreos vs. Saluts (Doc Molten, Buster Holland, Cicero Rozario); 2 p.m. American Club vs. Police (Dick Chung, H.K. Ebrahimi, Bob Low); 3.30 p.m. Overseas vs. Chinlands (Bob McGowan, Ernie Heather, Tim Ellis).

Junior League

Saturday—Recreo Football Ground—2.30 p.m. Vikings vs. Rangers (Philo Remedios, Bill Silva, Junior Remedios); 4 p.m. Black Hawks vs. Braves (Buster Holland, Radar Neardon, Tony Tiampo).

Sunday—8 a.m. Rexes vs. Mohawks (Philo Remedios, Ollie Vaz, Bernie Silva); 12.30 p.m. Wildfires vs. Jaguars (Billy Castro, Hal Winglee, Ramon Castro).

There were insufficient members present at last Monday's General Committee meeting to form a quorum. Another meeting has been called for tomorrow at 8.15 p.m. to discuss Ground rules and the International Tournament.

League Standings

SENIOR LEAGUE			
Canadians	Won	Lost	Points
Canadians	3	0	1,000
Saints	2	0	1,000
V.R.C.	3	0	1,000
Khalas	2	1	667
Mohawks	2	1	667
Overseas	1	1	500
Chung Hwa	1	2	333
H.K. Baseballers	1	2	333
American Club	0	2	000
Philippines	0	2	000
Police	0	2	000
Recreo	0	1	000

JUNIOR LEAGUE			
Braves	Won	Lost	Points
Braves	3	0	1,000
Jaguars	2	1	667
Wildfires	2	1	667
Mohawks	1	1	500
Rexes	1	1	500
Black Hawks	0	2	000
Rangers	0	2	000
Pirates	0	1	000

LADIES LEAGUE

Wahoes	Won	Lost	Points
Wahoes	2	0	1,000
Wildcats	1	0	1,000
Canadians	0	2	000
Pirates	0	1	000

DECREE NISI GRANTED

A Decree Nisi, to be made Absolute in six months, with liberty to apply, was granted yesterday by Sir Leslie (Chief Justice), to Mrs. Dora Marjory Begdon.

Mrs. Begdon sued for a dissolution of her marriage to Mr. Kieran Begdon on the ground of desertion.

Sir Leslie Glibron also made an order for costs against Mr. Begdon.

Mr. Charles Loseby, instructed by Mr. M. A. de Silva, represented Mrs. Begdon. Mr. Begdon, who is at present in Australia, did not contest the suit.

RUSSIA CONTEMPLATES JOINING BOXING GROUP

London, October 26.

Although Russia has been active in seeking information concerning the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur, her official application to become affiliated to that body is still awaited, according to a statement issued here.

The report of the meeting of the AIBA states that representatives of the Soviet Union Physical Culture and Sports Council met members of the Executive Committee during the Olympic Games at Wembley and intimated that they would alter their rules if necessary to bring them into line with other member countries.

They also asked if they could bring forward three resolutions, asking for representation on the Executive Committee, that Russia should be one of the official languages and that Spain should be excluded from application.

It was pointed out at the time that when they became affiliated, they would be free to bring forward any motions they wished, but it was emphasized that the organisation was sporting and not political.

Russia was also told that before affiliation could be granted, the constitution and rules would have to be approved and they promised to submit them. These, however, have not yet been received.

The meeting also dealt with the question of refereeing and judging at the Olympic Games and various decisions were taken. A list of referees and judges who are considered to hold the qualifications to officiate at the Olympic Games is being drawn up and will shortly be published.

At the same time, it is hoped that the standard of refereeing and judging will be raised in all countries. Certain recommendations on this subject will be published in a report in due course.

Europe vs. America

The proposed match between Europe and South America at Buenos Aires in 1950 has been postponed at the request of the Argentine A.B.A.

It was also decided that the next Congress of the AIBA will take place in Copenhagen in 1950 at the convenience of the Danish Amateur Boxing Association and the Europe v. America match in 1949 will take place in Chicago on May 18 and the team will leave England by the Queen Elizabeth on May 6.

European nations are to be asked to submit candidates for a team which will consist of one boxer at each weight plus two reserves. The accompanying officials will be A. Forst Hest, Norway, as team manager, Major General W.R.E. Murphy, of Ireland, and Lieutenant Colonel R.H. Russell, of Britain.

The selection of the trainer second will not be made until the composition of the team is known. The AIBA delegates to the Conference between international sporting federations and the International Olympic Committee in Rome next year will be Signor Mazzia, Vice-President of Italy, and Lieutenant Colonel Russell, Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, of Britain.—Reuter.

Inter-School Basketball

Only two games were played in the Inter-School Basketball League at Caroline Hill yesterday, with the following results:

SENIOR LEAGUE
Wah Kiu 30 Hon Wah 15
JUNIOR LEAGUE
St. Joseph's 42 Kin Lup 16

The following games are down for decision this afternoon:

SENIOR LEAGUE
Tung Chi v. Queen's (11.45) 5 p.m.
Wah Yau (HK) v. Chi Hang (8 p.m.)
JUNIOR LEAGUE
Tung Chi v. St. Joseph's (6 p.m.)
Hon Wah v. Kin Lup (6 p.m.)

SWATOW CAGERS LOSE TO YMCA

At Caroline Hill last night, the Swatow Police basketball team suffered their first defeat at the hands of a Hong Kong team, when they went down to Chinese YMCA by 29 points to 33 in a closely contested game.

The only other defeat suffered by the Swatow Police while in Hong Kong was inflicted by the Philippine Chinese of Amoy, who beat them by 35 points to 38 on Tuesday night.

"NOMADS" CHANGE TO "SCORPIONS"

The HKCC Nomads have changed their name to the HKCC Scorpions and for their league match on Saturday next against Club de Recreo at King's Park will be represented by the following:

T.A. Pearce, H. Owen-Hughes, L. P. Stokes, O. J. Kerr, F. Howarth, J. D. Clague, C. D. Wales, E. F. Gen, R. H. Hughes, M. Hariman and A. F. Weil.

LEONARD BROS WIN BOWLS TITLE

At the Craigengower Cricket Club yesterday, J. W. and S. L. Leonard beat G. Hong Choy and A. H. Burnham in the final of the Club Patry Lawn Bowls Championship by 25 shots to 14.

The following are the results of yesterday's games in the Open Singles Lawn Bowls Semi-finals: At Recreo: K. M. Omar beat C. S. Rosset 21-18.

BABBS SUFFERS SEVERE WOUNDS

Mr. W. O. Babbs, of Swan Culbertson and Frits, Fed. Inc. USA, was removed from Repulse Bay Hotel to the Queen Mary Hospital on Monday night with severe wounds.

He has been staying at the Repulse Bay Hotel since April 7 last.

His condition last night was said to be fair.

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